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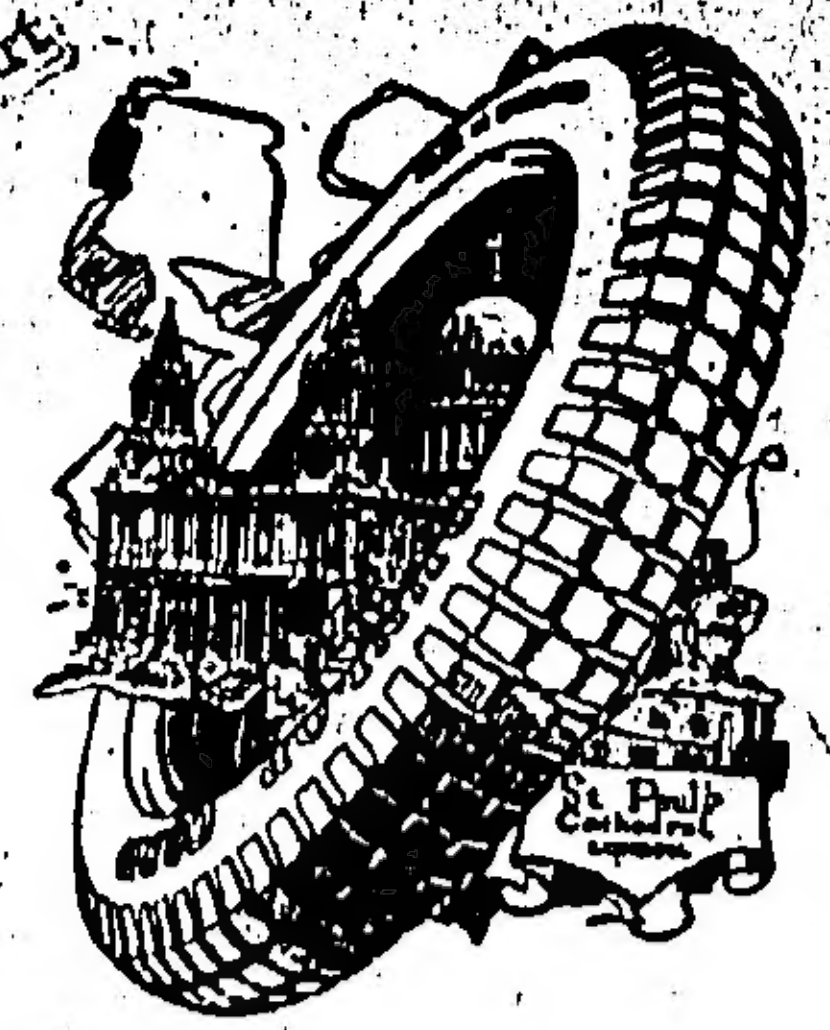
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## IMMEDIATE FOOD TAXES IN BRITAIN.

### Agriculture Tariffs.

### Non-essential Products!

### ANNOUNCEMENT IN COMMONS.

London, Nov. 26.  
The Minister of Agriculture, Sir John Gilmour to-day made a statement in the Commons on the Government's agricultural policy, in which he announced a decision to limit, by tariffs, the imports of non-essential produce and to start a discussion with the interests concerned with a view to the early application of the principle of a quota to wheat.

A Bill to give effect to the first decision will be introduced immediately, and the quota system is intended to be effective for next year's crop.

Sir John Gilmour said the Government was giving earnest consideration to all aspects of agricultural policy, with a due appreciation of their importance, but in view of the anxiety of agriculturists, and in the hope of restoring confidence in the countryside, it had put forward certain interim proposals.

#### Quota for Wheat.

In view of the special importance and urgency of the cereal situation, the Government would introduce legislation for a scheme by which a certain percentage of home-produced wheat of milling quality would be used by millers in this country.

No contribution from the Exchequer by way of subsidy would be involved. The proposals relating to other crops, including barley, were under investigation.

A Bill would also be introduced, directed to a reduction, through the operation of tariffs, of imports into Britain of certain non-essential agricultural and horticultural produce, which, in many cases, owing to their early maturity, anticipated the home crop.

The Prime Minister later announced that the Ways and Means resolution relating to customs duties on agricultural products would be taken on Monday.—British Wireless.

### DRAW FOR THE F. A. CUP.

### FIRST ROUND TO-MORROW.

The following is the draw for the first round of the Football Association Cup, to be played to-morrow:

Wigan Borough v. Birkenhead Town.  
Darwen v. Selby Town or Peterborough.  
Yorkshire Amateurs v. Carlisle.  
Crewe v. Gainsborough.  
New Brighton v. York City.  
Barrow v. Doncaster.  
Gateshead v. Wrexham.  
Rotherham v. Accrington.  
Crooktown v. Stockport.  
Lancaster v. Walsall.  
Chester v. Hartlepool.  
King's Lynn or Newark Town v. Halifax.  
Manchester Central v. Lincoln.  
Tranmere v. West Stanley.  
Hull v. Mansfield.  
Lancaster v. Elth Spartans.  
Scunthorpe U. v. Rochdale.  
Bournemouth v. Northfleet.  
Swindon v. Luton.  
Coventry v. Clapton Orient.  
Aldershot v. Chelmsford.  
Cardiff v. Enfield.  
Northampton v. Metropolitan Police or Kingstonians.  
Torquay v. Southampton.  
Wimbledon v. Norwich.  
Bristol Rovers v. Gillingham.  
Fulham v. Guildford City.  
Thames v. Watford.  
Bath City v. Burnhead.  
Reading v. Crystal Palace.  
Barnet v. Queen's P.R.  
Tunbridge Wells v. Brentford.  
Folkestone v. Brighton.  
Yeovil and Paultons v. Hayes.

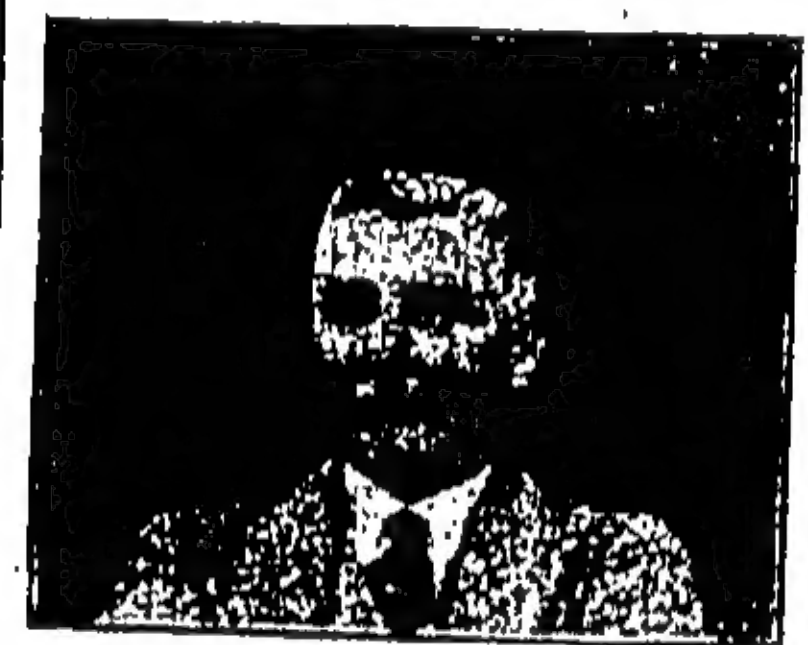
### THE CALEDONIAN GALA NIGHT.

### PENINSULA HOTEL TRANSFORMATION.

### ALL SET FOR THE BALL TO-NIGHT.

An army of willing hands equipped with all the necessary paraphernalia invaded the sixth floor of the Peninsula Hotel this morning to turn the rose room and roof garden in its once-a-year dress of tartan and thistles for the St. Andrew's Ball festivities. To-night's honouring of their Patron Saint by the Scottish community of Hongkong promises to be as picturesque as ever, and more than 1,100 dancers are expected to join in the celebrations.

The procedure will be much the same as tradition has dictated for years past in Hongkong. There will be the essential skirl of pipes, the impressive ritual marking the entrance of the haggis and the Chief's speech. Among the dancers Scotland will be well represented by the Petronella, the



Chief A. Stevenson.

Caledonians, Strathgry and other traditional fox-trots and rumbas.

#### Gala Dress.

The gala dress for the scene is being donned under the capable direction of Messrs. E. Docherty, J. Kempton, A. Duncan and M. Ferguson, and they have a mass of shields, tartans and illuminated thistles to choose from. Pride of place among the shields to-night will be given to those connected with the Chief, Mr. A. Stevenson. (Continued on Page 7.)

### FIRST TEST OPENS AT BRISBANE.

### AUSTRALIA 74 FOR ONE WICKET.

Brisbane, Nov. 26.  
The first Test match between Australia and South Africa opened here to-day. The weather was hot and the wicket in good condition. There were 3,000 spectators. Australia won the toss and took first knock. At the lunch interval, the score was 74 for one wicket, Pontford having been caught by Mitchell off Bell's bowling when he had scored 16.  
Woodfull and Bradman were in partnership when the adjournment took place, the former having scored 23 and the latter 30.—Reuter.

### French Reparations Policy.

### "Only-Minor-Concessions" Speech by M. Laval in the Chamber.

Paris, Nov. 26.  
FRANCE WILL insist upon the maintenance of the principle of an unconditional portion of reparations payments under the Young Plan and will not allow priority to Germany's private debts over reparations.  
Furthermore, any new arrangements regarding reparations can only be for a limited period.  
Thirdly, during that limited period, France will only accept a reduction of reparations *pari passu* with an equivalent reduction in the inter-Allied war debts.  
Cheers from the Right, the Centre and part of the Left greeted the above remarkable passage from the speech of M. Laval to-day when he addressed the Chamber from the tribune for the first time since he became Prime Minister.  
It is particularly significant in view of his recent visit to the United States.—Reuter.

After an all-night sitting, the Chamber passed a vote of confidence in the Government's foreign policy by 325 votes to 240.

### ANOTHER PETERSFIELD COURT-MARTIAL.

### THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S INSTRUCTIONS.

### PIQUANT EVIDENCE.

A second Court Martial in connexion with the loss of H.M.S. Petersfield was held on board H.M.S. Tamar this morning when three charges were preferred against Commander D.C. Lang, Commanding Officer of the Petersfield. Cross examination was directed towards the sailing instructions of the Commander-in-Chief.

Commander Lang was charged that he negligently or by default caused the Petersfield to be lost, or stranded or hazarded, to which he pleaded not guilty and conducted his own defence.

The Court was composed of the following: Commodore A. H. Walker (President), Capt. E. J. G. MacKinnon (H.M.S. Hermes), Capt. C. H. Knowles (H.M.S. Cornwall), Capt. C. N. Reyno (H.M.S. Barwick) and Commander G. P. Bowen (H.M.S. Kent). Paymaster Lieut. Commander Wheeler (H.M.S. Medway) was the Judge Advocate, while Capt. J. H. Godfrey (H.M.S. Suffolk) prosecuted. Accused's "friend" was Lieut. Commander Dowse (H.M.S. Barwick).

Lieut. G.A.H. Pratt, who was severely reprimanded yesterday gave evidence of certain books having been lost in the wreck, and was cross-examined by defendant.

#### Admiral and Junk.

Asked the nature of the reply of the Commander-in-Chief to defendant, on the occasion of assistance rendered to a junk crew, when he stated he did not want to go too close to the wrecked junk in case the Petersfield was swept further in, witness said the Commander-in-Chief replied that defendant was not there to do as he wished but to do as he chose. This incident occurred a day or two before the loss of the Petersfield.

At 14.00 when high land was sighted over the mast what did the Commander-in-Chief say? He said he thought the land sighted was one of the large islands of the Taichow group and that we had had the tidal stream against us all the way and not with us.

Did we not clearly establish by facts that the tide had been definitely with us?—We have established that we were making about 13.5 knots over the ground while doing revolutions for a little under twelve.

When Coin Island was not sighted and we wished to alter course 90 degrees to port to make certain of clearing some other islands, what reply from the Commander-in-Chief did I bring back on to the bridge?—When you came back on to the bridge you told me that the Commander-in-Chief had said it was unnecessary to alter course 90 degrees to port but that you were to alter course to south at 18.30.

#### Night's Programme.

When you discussed the whole question of courses and speeds for the night with the Commander-in-Chief in the Chart House did he tell you that he wished me to go on?

until 03.00 instead of 02.00 and that after nothing had been heard or seen of Tung Yung by this he was to be called?—This is what I understood it to mean.

What did he actually say?—He first gave instructions as to how the ship was to be navigated after Tung Yung had been sighted. He then asked me what time I expected to sight Tung Yung light and I replied it depended entirely on the visibility and showed him a position about six miles from Tung Yung light which was a position I expected the ship to reach by 02.00. He then said that he did not think we should be so to the light by 02.00 and said that if nothing had been sighted by 03.00 he was to be called. I asked him then if he thought it safe to "stand on" until 03.00. He said he considered that it was unless it was very thick.

What message did you give me from the Commander-in-Chief when you came up to the bridge from that interview?—As far as I remember I told you that the Commander-in-Chief did not wish to stop at 02.00 but to "stand on" until 03.00.

Did you mention anything about very thick weather?—I cannot remember specifically doing so.

#### Taking of Soundings.

What soundings were taken and why?—Soundings were taken between about 16.45 and 19.12. They were taken then because there were three distinct lines of soundings parallel to our track.

On our track was about 15 fathoms in depth. There was a line closer in-shore of about 12 fathoms and another line closer in-shore of about eight fathoms. As we got soundings of 15-17 fathoms I considered that we had established that the ship was no closer in-shore than we supposed. After 19.15 I considered that soundings would be of no value in the navigation of the ship.

So it is your considered opinion that if I had taken soundings from 22.00 until the time the ship struck, no indication would have been arrived at thereafter as to my position?—That is my opinion.

Did you ever see the Commander-in-Chief reading the Sailing Directions?—I saw him reading a yellow bound book in the Chart House. Shortly after he left the Chart House I went in and found on the desk, where he had been standing, a copy of the China Pilot volume five, opened at the page dealing with tidal streams. After saying that there were tidal streams on the coast, witness said he saw the Commander-in-Chief reading the book sometime after 14.00.

"Because C.-in-C. Said So."

Then it was after reading this yellow book, presumably, was the Sailing Directions, that the Commander-in-Chief told you he considered it was safe to go until 03.00?—Yes.

During our discussion in the Chart House at about 02.40 you said to me, "Do you think it is safe to go on?" What was my reply?—You said you had to go on because the Commander-in-Chief said so.

Can you remember my exact words?—I cannot remember exactly but it was something very like this: "We've damn well got to go on, because the Commander-in-Chief said so."

Witness, answering further questions, said that although the Sailing Directions stated that there

### MORE JAPANESE TROOPS MAY GO TO TIENTSIN.

### A WASHINGTON SENSATION.

### LEAGUE STILL DEBATING.

Tokyo, Nov. 27.  
The Cabinet met urgently this morning to consider the recommendations of the military authorities for the despatch of a part of a division for the reinforcement of the Japanese garrison at Tientsin.—Reuter.

### WASHINGTON, NOV. 26.

Officials of the Chinese Legation declare that they have been informed, in a report from Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang, that the commander-in-chief of the Japanese troops in Manchuria, General Honjo, has the approval of the Emperor of Japan for the complete occupation of Manchuria.—Reuter's American Service.

### TIENTSIN RIOTS.

Tientsin, Nov. 27.  
Serious riots between irresponsible Chinese coolies and soldiers occurred last evening at Tientsin. The whole city was thrown into darkness by the interruption of the electric supply, while telephone facilities have been similarly interfered with.

The most serious aspect of the situation was the fact that the coolies seemed to be well supplied with arms. They made a desperate attempt to seize control of Police Headquarters. The authorities at the French Consulate called out the defence forces to maintain order.

The British Minister to China Sir Miles Lampson, left for Nanking yesterday morning by aeroplane.—Reuter.

### Machine-Guns and Artillery.

Peking, Nov. 27.  
Chang Hsueh-liang's headquarters state that fighting again broke out last night. Machine-guns and artillery were used. It is asserted that the Japanese were involved.—Reuter.

### Japanese Open Fire.

Tokyo, Nov. 27.  
According to a despatch to the War Office from General Kashii, commander of the Japanese garrison in Tientsin, the Japanese only opened fire after a request to the Chinese to cease fire had been ignored.—Reuter.

### League Discussion.

Paris, Nov. 26.  
The Council of the League met at 4.15 p.m. to-day, having previously learned that Dr. Alfred Sze (Continued on Page 12.)

was a definite southerly current down the coast, if the N. E. monsoon really stopped he would expect a counter current up the coast.

His predecessor had told him that the current flowed back during such intervals in the monsoon and his own opinion was that it was probably true.

The case is proceeding.

## CANTON POLITICAL DISSENSION.

### IMPORTANT MEETING IN HONGKONG TO-DAY.

### DR. C. C. WU AND MR. WU HAN-MIN INTERVIEWED ON ARRIVAL.

### CHIANG HELD TO BLAME.

"A LARGE and influential section in Canton, indeed, as you may say the Canton National Government as a whole, still insist on Chiang Kai-shek's resignation as President of the Government of China." So declared Dr. Chao-chu Wu, former Ambassador to the United States, and now a member of the Canton Government, who to-day returned South after attending the Peace Conference in Shanghai.

According to Dr. Wu, Canton does not demand that Chiang should immediately resign, but that he should announce his intention to retire, and that his actual resignation should take place when the suggested new National Government is created. If that were done, the Canton Government would dissolve at the same time.

"This," said Dr. Wu, "is not only suggested as a solution of the present difficulties, but as the carrying out of a definite promise made by Chiang Kai-shek to Canton."

Mr. Wang Ching-wei, Mr. Eugene Chen, and several delegates from Canton, are meeting Messrs. Wu Han-min and C. C. Wu this afternoon in Hongkong, for the purpose of seeking a solution of the political split in Canton.

### NANKING'S BREACH OF FAITH.

As to Chiang's future, said Dr. Wu, the Canton delegates favoured his appointment as President of the Committee of National Defence, a post in which his military talents, could be utilised to the best possible advantage.

Accompanying Dr. Wu were Mr. Hu Han-min, the noted former President of the Legislative Yuan, who is making his first trip South for many years, and Mr. Ma Chieh-chun, well-known Canton Labour leader. The party arrived in Hongkong this morning aboard the Canadian Pacific liner Empress of Canada.

No Formal Understanding.  
Interviewed by the Telegraph, Dr. Wu stated that the recent Peace Conference had not resulted in any formal understanding between Canton and Nanking. What had happened was that the dele-

gates from Canton and Nanking, 2 round dozen in number, had tentatively agreed to certain arrangements which, it was understood, were subject to ratification by the Party Congresses of both sides.

Both Nanking and Canton had summoned Party Congresses. These Congresses might be described as rival Congresses, and any modification or revision by one Congress or the other would not imply any breach of faith.

Asked the nature of the arrangements to which the delegates had agreed in principle, Dr. Wu said they concerned the revision of the Constitution and the reconstruction of the National Government at Nanking. The first point was that the President of the Government was to have no political responsibilities—in other words, he was to be, like the President of France, taken entirely out of politics. Executive responsibility was to fall

on the shoulders of the President of the Executive Yuan, which position was at present held by Chiang Kai-shek concurrently with the office of President of the Government.

### Dangerous Expedients.

"That," said Dr. Wu "is one of the complaints against Chiang Kai-shek—that he has concentrated too much power in his own hands. In the eyes of some people, that might not perhaps be regarded as a defect, provided he could discharge his functions to the satisfaction of the country."

"But, in the first place, he has not discharged his functions to the satisfaction of the country, and, in the second place, such concentration of autocratic and dictatorial powers in the hands of one person is in itself an element, not of stability, but of instability and dissatisfaction."

"A dictatorship is, in principle, a dangerous expedient; and when you have an unsatisfactory dictatorship, it is much worse," added Dr. Wu.

National Finance.  
Continuing to indicate the tentative agreement reached by the Canton and Nanking delegates, Dr. (Continued on Page 7.)

### STERLING SLUMP UNCHECKED.

### SILVER GOES UP AS RESULT.

Due to a further drop in the London-New York cross-rate, silver is up 1/8th of a penny in London, both for spot and forward delivery. India was a small buyer, and after the official fixing the market ruled idle.

New York was closed, owing to a holiday.

The cross-rate registered a further drop to 8.59. The effect was seen in the slight rise in silver, which, however, is not keeping pace with the cross-rate decline. Actually, silver should be higher than it is at present, but some resistance appears to be manifesting itself.

The local dollar was up a farthing this morning, to 1s. 4.1/16d. demand. Hongkong and Shanghai rates are, however, purely nominal at about 1s. 4.1/4d. and 1s. 3.7/8d. respectively. The market



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### POTTINGER STREET FIRE INQUEST.

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COMMENDED.

#### SLUM REBUILDING.

Sergeant W. W. Williamson was highly commended for his gallant conduct during the recent Pottinger Street fire by the Coroner (Mr. Schofield) and the jury inquiring yesterday into the circumstances of the fatal blaze.

The Coroner also made a plan for slum rebuilding and wider streets as a means of relieving housing conditions and minimising fire dangers, referring to the absence of adequate means of escape in the Pottinger Street outbreak.

The subject chosen for the inquest was Chan Lin-fai, a seven-year-old boy, one of the seven persons who lost their lives in the fire at No. 42 Pottinger Street.

The jury, comprising Messrs. J. H. Davy (foreman), L. S. Silva and Fong Un, returned an open verdict as regards the cause of the fire and "death by misadventure" in the case of the subject of the inquest.

In his summing up, Mr. Schofield said: "At the outset of this inquest, I propounded four questions, viz:

1. How did the fire originate?
2. Did the Police and Fire Brigade do all that could have been done under the circumstances?
3. Does any blame, direct or indirect, rest on anyone for failure to prevent the fire?
4. What were the reasons for the loss of life?

Before considering the evidence bearing on these questions, I may remind you that the medical evidence shows that Chan Lin-fai, the deceased, died of shock resulting from extensive burns received in the fire, and the object of this inquest is to determine whether his death was due to the fire, or default of any person, and what degree of responsibility attaches to that person.

#### Evidence Reviewed.

1. So far as the evidence goes, the cause of the fire is completely unknown. Everyone in the house retired for the night before midnight. The nightsoil cooler visited the first and second floors between 1 and 2 a.m., about two hours before the fire, and noticed nothing wrong. Yet at 3.45 a.m. the ground floor tenants woke to find the basement ablaze, and the fire getting a hold on the ground floor. It is admitted that the shop was a carpenter's shop, and that paints and oils were kept on the premises, though not in large quantities; a number of drums of linseed oil in the basement were said to have been empty.

Some witnesses who lived on the ground floor gave it as their opinion that a cigarette end may have dropped through what they describe as the broken staircase to the first floor. All these witnesses state



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that the stairs had holes in them big enough for a cat to get through; one witness said that, three months before, a cigarette did actually drop through the stairs, into the basement down the stairs, and he kicked it up; and that people were always going up and down stairs to the first and second floors to play *mus-tard*. The master of the shop said he had been blamed by the landlord for complaining of the bad state of repair of the shop.

#### Conflicting Statements.

The evidence of the first and second floor principal tenants and of Sergeant Williamson, to the effect that the stairs were not dilapidated but had a couple of cracks in them large enough to let cigarettes roll through, throws considerable doubt on the statements of the ground floor witnesses, as also does Mr. Rutledge's evidence. It makes it difficult to accept their story and gives ground for suspicion that they have something to hide; possibly some acts of carelessness; but in the absence of evidence you are at liberty to accept the suggestion of the witnesses if you think fit.

2. Very soon after the fire was discovered, and the ground floor tenants escaped, Sergeant Williamson was on the scene. He found the fire in much the same state as it was when the tenants were awakened by it. The time was 3.45 a.m. You have heard him describe what he did in clearing the three houses affected by the fire.

I consider he did extremely smart work at considerable risk. The Fire Brigade received the call at 3.46 a.m. and, in three minutes, three appliances had been sent out to the scene in succession, and all the Hongkong-side appliances had been ordered out. The Superintendent left at 3.50 a.m. and can only have taken two or three minutes to get to the scene, yet already the ground floor and the

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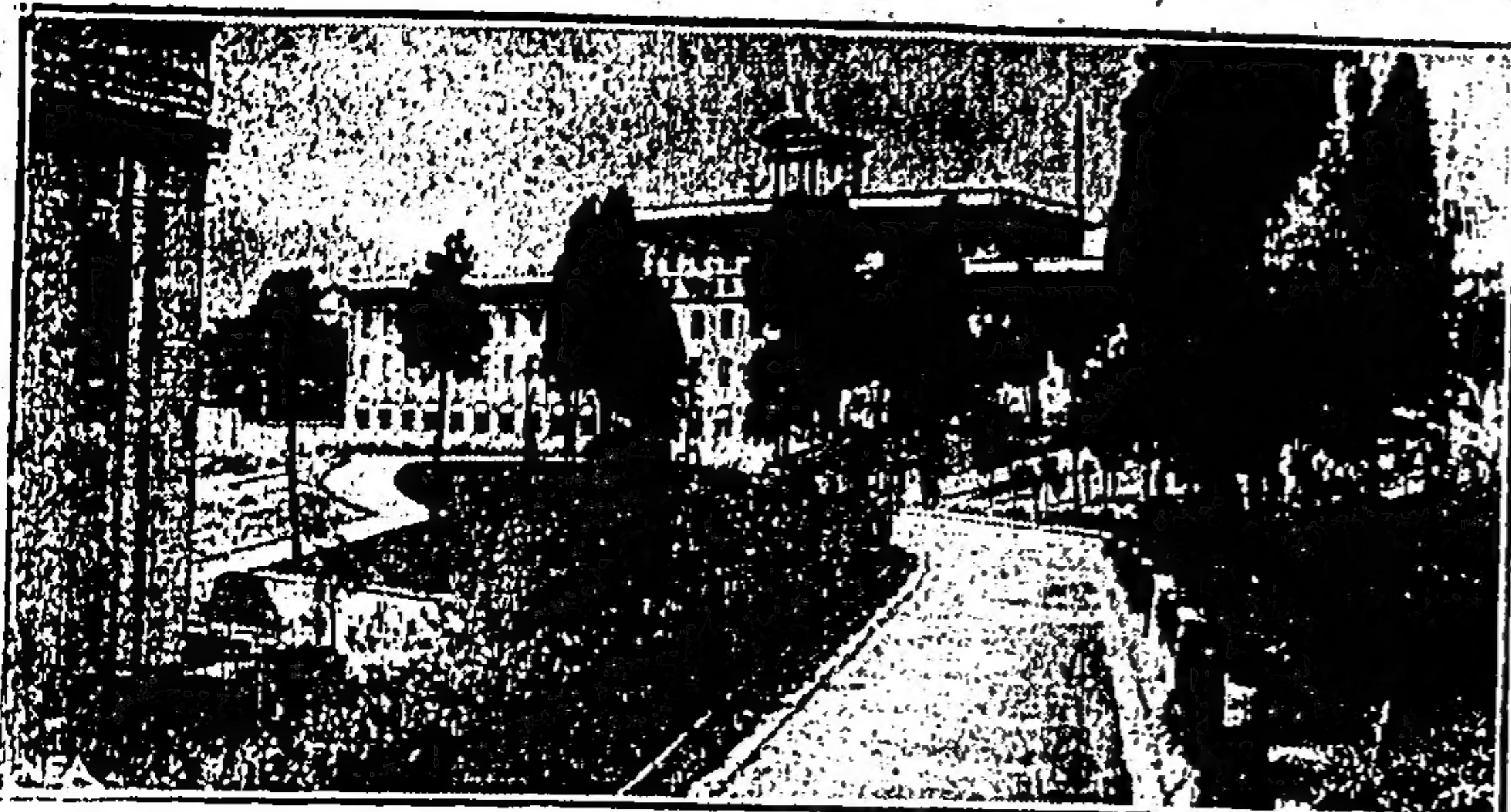
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## VATICAN'S NEW CAPITOL TO BE DEDICATED.



Pope Pius is to officiate at dedication of the impressive building pictured here. Although called a palace, it is the new capital of the Vatican State. Recently completed to house the governmental departments, it soon will be inaugurated in ceremonies attended by Italian and Church officials.

## NEW MILE TRACK RECORD.



The eight-year-old world's record for the mile run vanished beneath the flying feet of Jules Ladoumègue, brilliant French track star, when this picture was taken at the Jean Blun Stadium near Paris. Ladoumègue's time of 49.15 eclipsed by more than a second the mark which Paavo Nurmi set in Stockholm in 1923.

# GUILTY LIPS

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## BEGIN HERE TO-DAY.

Pretty Norma Kent, 25-year-old secretary, married Mark Travers, millionaire's son, in spite of the opposition of Mark's father, F. M. Travers.

The story opens in Marlboro, middle-western metropolis. After an extravagant honeymoon at fashionable Blue Hiding during which Mark spends all his money and borrows \$500 the couple return to Marlboro. Mark loses his first job. Then he becomes a floorwalker in a department store. In spite of poverty he and Norma are happy until his father sends for him. Travers offers to take Mark back into his business organization if the son will prove he can make good. His first task involves a business trip to France. Norma must remain at home. She tries to persuade Mark not to go but is unable to do so.

Norma, ruthlessly treated at her father-in-law's home, slips away, leaving no trace of her whereabouts. Chris Saunders, her former roommate, helps her find a job.

Mark's father, determined to engineer a divorce, employs detectives to trail the girl. They produce evidence to show that Norma three years earlier had been convicted on a vice charge. In spite of evidence that this charge was framed and Norma innocent, Travers sends his lawyer to Paris. Norma knows nothing of all this until she receives a letter telling her Mark has secured a divorce. Next day in the office Norma faints and Chris takes her home.

Norma goes to the Travers home to see her father-in-law. She is shocked to find that Mark's parents have moved to Florida. Norma moves to Chris's apartment. One night Chris meets Bob Farrell, former suitor of Norma's, and says "Something has to be done and you must help me!"

## CHAPTER XXXVIII.

Farrell looked at the girl. "What do you want me to do?" he said.

"I want you to help me, Bob. Something's got to be done—and done right away. If Norma doesn't begin to take an interest in something—begin to care a little bit what's going on around her—the doctor says it will affect her health. I've tried and tried and it's no use. She doesn't want to go anywhere. If we stay at home she'll sit and sometimes not say more than a dozen words all evening."

"But I don't see that there's anything I can do."

"Yes, you can, Bob. Norma's always liked you. She likes to hear about the things you do and what's going on in your office. If you'd drop around once in a while the way you used to I'm sure it would help. Just say you happened to be in the neighborhood and thought you'd stop in or something of the sort."

Farrell flushed slightly. "I'd do anything I could to help you, Chris," he said. "But I don't think Norma wants to see me."

"Won't you come out once—just once—and see if it doesn't work the way I think it will?"

"Why, of course, if you want me to."

"How about to-morrow night?"

"That'll be all right with me. By the way, what about these doctor bills? Is she going to need money?"

"Not now. Dr. Willoughby's keeping his charges down. I think he's sorry for Norma. Saw her that first day, you know, when she fainted in the office. But she'll have to borrow after while. Won't take a cent, of course, but I've persuaded her it's all right to accept it and pay it back later."

"Let me take care of that. How much is it going to cost?"

"About \$250, I guess, with the hospital and everything. I couldn't let you pay all of it, Bob, but I'll admit I've been wondering how I was going to dig up that much."

"Then don't worry about it any longer. I'll write a check right now. Farrell pulled out a fountain pen and reached for his check book.

"Not now," Chris told him. "We don't need the money now and I wouldn't want the responsibility of keeping it. I'll let you know when the bills begin to come in. It's fine of you to want to do this, Bob."

"Why shouldn't I? It's—well, it's just a little thing. By the way, you won't mention the fact to Norma, will you? Please don't!"

Chris nodded. "I'll tell her the money is a loan," she said, "and she'll think it's all from me. When she begins to pay it back I'll turn the cash over to you."

"You're going to see that she has everything?"

"Everything she needs. Dr. Willoughby says she's getting along splendidly if it only weren't for these moods of depression."

There was a pause and then Far-

rell asked, "Has she heard anything at all from Travers?"

"You mean Mark? Not a word. Wouldn't you think he'd be ashamed of himself? And nothing from his family either. Of course that was to be expected. Oh, Bob, to think I stood by and let her marry that good-for-nothing! It makes me wild when I think of that. I might have known it would end this way!"

"There was no way for you to know that," Farrell said thoughtfully. "Our for anyone else to know it, either. Well, if you say so I'll stop in to-morrow night. For a few minutes anyway." He noticed the waitress coming toward them and added, "What are you going to have for dessert?"

They gave their attention to the menu. By the time their orders were set before them three other diners had taken the nearest table. There was no longer opportunity to talk privately. A little later they left the restaurant and boarded a street car. Bob left Chris at the door of the apartment building.

There was a crack of light showing beneath the door as Chris climbed the dark stairs. She slipped her key into the lock, called out "Yon-who!" and entered.

No one was in the room. Chris glanced about, hurried to the alcove where the two studio beds stood. Norma lay there sound asleep, one arm out over the covers and the other pillowed beneath her head. Her hair was tossed back from her face. A silken strap had slipped out of place, revealing a smoothly rounded, ivory shoulder. A faint tinge of colour glowed in her cheeks and longer than they were.

Chris stood quietly looking down at the other girl. Norma's breathing was deep and regular. Cautiously Chris got to her knees. Yes, just as she had expected. The pillow beneath Norma's cheek was damp from tear drops. One more night when the girl had cried herself to sleep. Softly Chris tiptoed away and arranged the screen so that light from the lamp could not awaken Norma.

There was no indication that Bob Farrell's call the next evening was anything but the casual visit he made it out to be. The two girls were washing dishes when the bell rang. Norma went to answer it and admitted Bob. She apologized, explained dinner had been late. Bob called for a towel and volunteered to help but his offer was refused.

In five minutes the last of the dishes were out of sight. Norma had taken on an unmanageable stubbornness and could not be raised. Would Bob fix it? Of course he would. He did.

"You know," Farrell said as he dropped into the arm chair, "a fellow came into the office today with one of the craziest cases I've ever heard of. It's a fellow who lives in Laurel Park. Do you know what he's up against?"

"I wouldn't even try to guess," said Chris. "What's his difficulty?"

"Well, Laurel Park has its own city government. You know. They've paved a new street and this man—Perkins his name is—owns a house on the block. But when he bought his property the owner retained a strip a foot wide between the house and street. When they came around with the paving proposition Perkins refused to pay for the strip in front of his home, saying he didn't own the frontage. Nobody could persuade him to buy that foot of land. Well, the paving's in now and the Laurel Park council has ruled that if Perkins steps over that foot of ground, jumps over it or crosses it in any way he will be subject to arrest. The man came to us to see what he could do about it."

"Why, how perfectly silly!"

"Maybe, but he's had to come



Pictured here, from an old photograph owned by Major Hammer, is the first electric car that Thomas A. Edison built at Menlo Park in 1880. Mr. Hammer being indicated by the arrow. It ran on a track about three quarters of a mile long. From this crude invention descended every electric street car, every subway train, every elevated train, every electric train in the world today.

and go by the back door and alley drive for a week now and he's pretty sick of it. Everybody else can use the street and sidewalk. You see he has a legal right to be on his own property. He has the same legal right as anyone else to be on the street. What he can't do is cross from one to the other."

Norma was smiling. "Are you going to help him, Bob?"

"Oh, there's really nothing much for Perkins to do but come across and buy that land. It's just a case of mulishness. He's made up his mind he won't. Someone else made up their mind that he would. It's not my worry though. Bill Kennedy's handling it. He was telling me about the thing just before I left the office. Just one of these freak affairs that pop up every now and then."

"I remember Mr. Brooks told me about something like that once," Norma said meditatively. She related sketchy details of a legal controversy involving a picket fence.

They sat in the comfortable living room and talked for three-quarters of an hour. Then Farrell arose and said he must be leaving. "Come to see us again soon," Chris urged as he stood with one hand on the doorknob. Norma added, "Yes, do!"

"Thanks, he glad to. Well—good night!"

There was no doubt that Chris' plan to take Norma's mind from her worries had succeeded. Norma was more like her old self for the rest of the evening.

A week later when Bob called to see if the two girls were at home he promised them a surprise. Over the telephone he refused to explain further but half an hour later he led them proudly to the apartment window and pointed to the street. There before the entrance was a shiny coupe.

"Oh, Bob—is it yours?"

"Why Bob—!"

"Nice looking little bus, isn't it?" he said grinning. "Got the chance to buy it at a bargain and it was too good to refuse. Picks up speed; too! Well—would you like to try it?"

Bob's girls exclaimed with enthusiasm when they inspected the car at close range. It was small, of inexpensive make but it had trim lines. Farrell was like a school boy displaying a new toy.

He helped the girls inside and took the wheel. They drove for an hour and a half. April had been a cool month but there was the scent of spring in the air. Bob circled the car through a park. It was the same park Norma had found so inviting the day she had shopped for the Thanksgiving dinner. Trees were

unfurling their fresh green leaves now. The little leaves could not keep out the moonlight but they made the boughs seem heavier. Two weeks before the leaves had not been there.

"Bob," said Norma softly, "think we should go back now."

"O. K. Just as you say."

He did not go inside when they reached the apartment but nodded a cheerful good night at the door. "Take another spin some of these times," Farrell asked.

"We'll be glad to," Chris told him and Norma agreed. Then they went into the building.

On a Sunday afternoon 10 days later Farrell took the girls for a second drive. Then as the days became warmer he dropped into the habit of coming around oftener. The second week in May there was a terrible and unseasonable hot spell. A drive in the open country after sunset was a blessed relief. Bob's coupe drew up before the apartment almost every evening.

Always the three of them went together. It was natural enough because Chris and Norma spent almost every evening in each other's company. When Bob was with them Chris found relief from the constant strain of keeping Norma's thoughts diverted.

Dr. Willoughby mentioned the fact that his patient seemed in better spirits.

June arrived. Norma gave up her work in Stuart's office and a girl whom Chris knew, a capable stenographer out of work since the office in which she worked cut its force, took over her duties. About the same time Norma told Chris she thought Bob should discontinue coming to the apartment. Chris relayed this suggestion to Farrell and the automobile drives ceased.

June proved a warm month and July brought three weeks of scorching heat. Chris postponed her vacation so that she could be with Norma. They were hard-wearing days with the sun beating down on hot pavements from morning until evening and the nights offered a little respite. They were hard days for Norma and hard days for Chris.

The last week in August had been set for Norma to go to the hospital. The two girls were sitting before the open window trying to get a breath of cool air when evening came in the month. There was no light in the room because the attraction of insects. Norma watched for Chris' hand and held it tightly.

"Chris," she said slowly "there's something I want you to promise me!"

(To be Continued).



With this equipment, the British Post Office Department is tracking down "radio pirates" who operate radio receivers without paid licenses from the government. Mr. C. O. Horn, left, shown directing the detection of a pirate.

## ABERDEEN DAM.

## TO BE OPENED BY GOVERNOR ON DECEMBER 15.

The recently completed Aberdeen Valley waterworks and reservoir are to be formally opened by His Excellency the Governor, Sir William Peel, on Tuesday, December 15, at 3.30 p.m. His Excellency will be accompanied by Lady Peel. Invitations have been issued by Hon. Mr. H. T. Cressy, Director of Public Works.

Visitors will be able to motor to Wanchai Gap and are asked to arrive there not later than 3.30 p.m. From that point they will have to walk or take a chair to the Aberdeen dam site, a distance of a mile and a quarter, downhill. After the ceremony the party will walk or take a chair downhill to Aberdeen, another mile and a quarter, where their motors will await their arrival.

Visitors who wish for chairs to be provided are asked to apply in writing to the Director of Public Works, when arrangements will be made for chairs to meet them at Wanchai Gap.

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## SITUATIONS

WANTED.—Man to take charge of Automobile Parts Stocks, only men with previous experience, who have good knowledge of English and Chinese and are prepared to furnish security need apply. Address applications giving detailed information, to Box No. 882, "Hongkong Telegraph."

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## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

## NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

The Manufacturers Life Insurance Co. beg to advise that they will be occupying new offices on Monday morning 30th November, on the second floor Atlantic Building, Queen's Road.

E. J. R. MITCHELL,  
Branch Manager.

## NOTICE.

The Hongkong Canton Export Co., French Bank Building, 3rd floor, have been appointed Sole Agents for South China, for the "THERAPLIX"

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Notice is hereby given that the electricity supply will be cut off in Prince Edward Road and Waterloo Road from 12 Noon to 5 p.m. on Saturday, 28th November, for the purpose of carrying out necessary work.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, 27th November, 1931.

## HONG KONG TELEPHONE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at a MEETING of the DIRECTORS of Hong Kong Telephone Company, Limited, held on the 24th of August, 1931, a Call of \$2.50 per share was made upon all the members holding Shares upon which only \$5.00 per share has been paid, and that such Call will be payable to the Bankers of the Company, The Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, at their Head Office, No. 1, Queen's Road, Central, Victoria, Hong Kong, on the 21st day of December 1931.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from the 5th December, to the 9th December, 1931, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

W. L. MCKENZIE,  
Secretary  
Hongkong, 28th October, 1931

## THE HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

The Twelfth Extra Race Meeting will be held (weather permitting) at Happy Valley on Saturday, 28th November, 1931, commencing at 2 p.m.

The first bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

## MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

Members are notified that they and their Ladies must wear their Badges prominently displayed.

No one without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5 for Gentlemen and \$3 for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the Secretary upon introduction by a member, such member to be responsible for payment of all bills, etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will not be on sale at the Race Course.

Members can obtain upon application to the Secretary Badges (limited to ONE) for the free admission to the Members' Enclosure of wives, lady relatives and friends. Names must be stated when applying.

On no pretext will children be permitted in either Enclosure during the Meeting.

Tickets are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered from the No. 1 Box by 5 p.m. on the 27th November. Telephone 21920.

## PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$2 including tax, for all persons including ladies and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in uniform are admitted half price.

Bookmakers, the Tac Men, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hongkong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Tickets will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,  
Secretary  
Hongkong, 28th November, 1931.

## G. 1932 R.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 30th day of November, 1931, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of one Lot of Crown Land at Tai Hang, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

## PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements.	Contains in square feet.	Annual Rent.	Upper Price.
1	Lot No. 3283	New Road from Tai Hang to Stubbs Road.	M. E. S. W. feet feet feet feet	About 18,000	\$1.63	\$47,700
				As per sale plan.		

## G. 1932 R.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT. No. S. 451.—It is hereby notified that sealed tenders in triplicate, which should be clearly marked "Tender for Kowloon Quarry Lot No. 3," will be received at the Colonial Secretary's Office until Noon of Monday, the 7th December, 1931, for the occupation for a period commencing from the date of notification of acceptance of tender and ending on 31st December, 1934, of the piece or parcel of ground as shown coloured red on a plan signed by the Director of Public Works and dated 12th November, 1931, and subject to the conditions which can be ascertained at the office of the Director of Public Works.

Upset annual fee \$2,200. Each tender must be accompanied by a receipt to the effect that the tenderer has deposited in the Colonial Treasury a sum of \$100 as a pledge of the bona fides of his offer, which sum shall be forfeited to the Crown in the event of the tenderer, whose tender is accepted, refusing to carry out the terms and conditions of his tender.

On the acceptance of a tender the deposits of unsuccessful tenderers will be returned to them. Form of tender and further particulars can be obtained from the office of the Director of Public Works.

The Government does not bind itself to accept the highest or any tender.

HAROLD T. CREASY,  
Director of Public Works.  
Hongkong, 14th November, 1931.

## G. 1932 R.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT. No. S. 452.—It is hereby notified that sealed tenders in triplicate, which should be clearly marked "Tender for Kowloon Quarry Lot No. 15," will be received at the Colonial Secretary's Office until Noon of Monday, the 7th day of December, 1931, for the occupation for a period commencing from the date of notification of acceptance of tender and ending on 31st December, 1934, of the piece or parcel of ground as shown coloured red on a plan signed by the Director of Public Works and dated 12th November, 1931, and subject to the conditions which can be ascertained at the office of the Director of Public Works.

Upset annual fee \$1,500. Each tender must be accompanied by a receipt to the effect that the tenderer has deposited in the Colonial Treasury a sum of \$100 as a pledge of the bona fides of his offer, which sum shall be forfeited to the Crown in the event of the tenderer, whose tender is accepted, refusing to carry out the terms and conditions of his tender.

On the acceptance of a tender the deposits of unsuccessful tenderers will be returned to them. Form of tender and further particulars can be obtained from the office of the Director of Public Works.

The Government does not bind itself to accept the highest or any tender.

HAROLD T. CREASY,  
Director of Public Works.  
Hongkong, 18th November, 1931.

## LAMMERT'S AUCTIONS

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

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commencing at 10.30 a.m.

A Quantity of Valuable Household Furniture

On View from Friday,  
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Terms:—Cash on Delivery.  
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Auctioneers.  
Hongkong, Nov. 26.

## THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Thirteenth Extra Race Meeting, to be held on Saturday, 5th December, 1931, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Race Course Hongkong Club, Causeway Bay Stables, and the Secretary's Office. Entries close at 12 o'clock Noon on Monday, 30th November, 1931.

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## ST. ANDREW'S BALL, 1931.

In connection with the St. Andrew's Ball to be held in the Peninsula Hotel this evening, the following arrangements have been made for the convenience of Subscribers and Guests:—

A special service of Star ferries will be maintained every 15 minutes between 1.15 a.m. and 3.00 a.m. on the morning of the 28th November.

A five minutes service will be in operation from 9.00 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. this evening. It has been arranged that the Peak Tramway Company will run a service of trams approximately every quarter of an hour from 1.00 a.m. on the morning of the 28th.

Subscribers and Guests are requested to note that the Card Room is situated on the 6th Floor.

David S. Robb,  
Hon. Secretary.

## HONGKONG SHARE MARKET.

## OFFICIAL SUMMARY BY STOCK EXCHANGE.

Owing to the rise in exchange the market this morning opened somewhat easy, prices receding to some extent.

## Sales.

Banks, \$1,660/\$1,675.  
Lands, \$81 1/2.  
Trams, \$21.30.  
Star Ferries, \$96.  
H.K. Electric, \$77.  
Telephones (part paid), \$26 1/2 and \$28 1/2.

## Buyers.

H.K. Steamboats, \$24.  
Shanghai Explorations, \$24.40.  
Providents (old), \$5.35.  
Providents (new), \$2.55.  
Trams, \$21.30.  
Star Ferries, \$96.  
China Lights, \$27 1/2.  
H.K. Electric, \$76 1/2.  
Telephones (part paid), \$26.35.  
Cements (combined), \$18.85.  
Watsons, \$16.10.  
H.K. Amusements, \$19 1/2.  
Constructions (old), \$5.90.  
Constructions (new), \$2.05.  
H.K. Government Loan, \$2 1/2 premium.

## Sellers.

Rauha, \$43.  
Venezuelan Goldfields, \$24.  
Providents (old), \$5 1/2.  
Hotels (old), \$10.30.  
Ewos, Tls. 16.  
S. C. Enterprises, \$10.  
Constructions (old), \$5.15.

## POST OFFICE NOTICE

Christmas Letter Mail for Great Britain "Via Siberia". Christmas Letter Mail (letters and post cards only) for Great Britain "Via Siberia" will be closed in the General Post Office on Saturday, 28th November per s.s. "Pres. Jefferson" as follows:—  
Registered Mail ..... 5 p.m.  
Ordinary Mail ..... 6 p.m.

This mail is due in London about 21st December.  
Christmas Parcel Mail for U.S.A.  
Christmas Parcel Mail for U.S.A. will be closed in the General Post Office at 3 p.m. on Saturday 28th November per s.s. "Pres. Jefferson". This mail is due in Seattle on 15th December.

## PARCEL MAIL.

The Public are hereby warned that in view of the passing of the Abnormal Importations Customs Duties Act, no guarantee can be given that any parcel will not be subject to Customs duty on arrival in the United Kingdom. The system of prepayment of Customs' duties in this office is cancelled until further notice except as regards parcels of silk or of under the value of \$5.—0 or its equivalent in dollars at the rate of the day. It will however be necessary in these cases to make a deposit against duty equal in amount to the declared value of the Parcel.

Definite information will be published in the Mail Notices directly it is received.  
Christmas and New Year cards bearing not more than five written words and enclosed in open envelopes are accepted by the Post Office at the rate for printed matter i.e. 4 cents per 2 ounces.

Envelopes must be entirely open.

## Postal Rates.

Letters and postcards for Europe and South America are forwarded "Via Siberia" if so superscribed.  
Letters for Europe via Siberia intended for transmission by Airmail from Shanghai to Manchouli must be posted over the counter of the G.P.O. or Kowloon Branch Post Office where full particulars of the Airmail service can be obtained.

## INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Due
Shanghai and Swatow	Sinkiang	November 28.
Amoy	Takada	November 28.
Japan	Manila Maru	November 28.
Manila	Pres. Jefferson	November 28.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, 30th October)	Pres. Adams	November 28.
Europe via Negapatam, (Letters and Papers) London, 29th October	Fushimi Maru	November 28.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia (London, 7th November)	Gange	November 28.
Japan	Tanda	November 30.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, 6th November)	Pres. Coolidge	November 30.
London Parcels only (London, 22nd October)	Helenus	November 30.
Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai (Seattle, 7th November)	Hikawa Maru	December 2.
Manila	Emp. of Canada	December 2.
Japan and Shanghai	Yasukuni Maru	December 3.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai (Seattle, 14th November)	Montevideo Maru	December 3.
Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Madison	December 4.
Australia and Manila	Rajputana	December 4.
Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai (Vancouver B.C., 21st November)	Nankin	December 5.
	Emp. of Russia	December 10.

## OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date and Time
Shanghai and Wuchow	Chung On	Fri., Nov. 27, 4 p.m.
Manila	Emp. of Canada	Fri., Nov. 27, 6 p.m.
Haiphong	Canton	Sat., Nov. 28, 3.30 p.m.
Shanghai and Japan	Fushimi Maru	Sat., Nov. 28, 3.30 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Brindisi	Gange	Sat., Nov. 28, 4.30 p.m.
	R.P.O.	Reg., Nov. 28, 4.30 p.m.
	Letters	Nov. 28, 4.30 p.m.
	G.P.O.	Reg., Nov. 28, 4.15 p.m.
	Letters	Nov. 28, 5 p.m.
	(Due Brindisi, 21st December)	
Japan, U.S.A., Canada, Central and South America and Europe via Victoria B.C.	Pres. Jefferson	Sat., Nov. 28.
	Parcels	Nov. 28, 3 p.m.
	Reg.	Nov. 28, 4.15 p.m.
	Letters	Nov. 28, 5 p.m.
	(Due Victoria B.C., 15th Dec.)	
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Pres. Jefferson	Sat., Nov. 28.
	Reg.	Nov. 28, 5 p.m.
	Letters	Nov. 28, 6 p.m.
Manila	Pres. Adams	Sat., Nov. 28, 5 p.m.
Bangkok via Swatow	Kaying	Sun., Nov. 29, 8.30 a.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India Mauritius, East and South Africa and South American Ports	Manila Maru	Sun., Nov. 29, 9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Hosan Maru	Sun., Nov. 29, 9 a.m.
Swatow	Hydranga	Mon., Nov. 30, 3 p.m.
Amoy	Kwangtung	Mon., Nov. 30, 3.30 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Halyang	Tues., Dec. 1, 1 p.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Takada	Tues., Dec. 1.
	Parcels	..... noon.
	Letters	..... 1 p.m.
Manila, Rabaul, Australia and New Zealand via Brisbane	Pres. Coolidge	Tues., Dec. 1, 4.30 p.m.
	Tanda	Wed., Dec. 2.
	Letters	..... 2 p.m.
	Registration	..... 2.45 p.m.
	Letters	..... 3.30 p.m.
	(Due Brisbane, 19th December.)	
Straits, Ceylon, India Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Yasukuni Maru	Thur., Dec. 3.
	R.P.O.	Reg., Dec. 3, 4.30 p.m.
	Letters	Dec. 3, 4.30 p.m.
	G.P.O.	Reg., Dec. 3, 5 p.m.
	Letters	Dec. 3, 6 p.m.
	(Due Marseilles, 30th December)	
Saigon, Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa and South American Ports	Montevideo Maru	Fri., Dec. 4, 10.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Halching	Fri., Dec. 4, 1 p.m.
Hoihow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Kiungchow	Fri., Dec. 4, 3.30 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Rajputana	Sat., Dec. 5.
	R.P.O.	Parcels, Dec. 4, 4.30 p.m.
	Reg.	Dec. 5, 9 a.m.
	Letters	Dec. 5, 10 a.m.
	G.P.O.	Reg., Dec. 4, 5 p.m.
	Parcels	Dec. 5, 9.45 a.m.
	Letters	Dec. 5, 10.30 a.m.
	(Due Marseilles, 1st January, 1932)	

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## EXCHANGE RATES.

	Previous Day.	Yesterday.		
Paris	93.5/16	91.9/10	Madrid	48 1/2
Geneva	18 1/2	81.9/10	Bucharest	610
Dorlin	15.7/10	16 1/2	Hankow	1/4 1/4
Oslo	18 1/2	18.11/10	Brussels	20 1/2
Helsingfors	19 1/2	19 1/2	Milan	71.3/16
Athens	22 1/2	22 1/2	Copenhagen	18 1/2
Buenos Aires	38 1/2	38 1/2	Prague	128 1/2
Shanghai	1/0 1/4	10 1/2	London	100 1/2
New York	3.85	3.85	Sto	1/6 1/16
Amsterdam	8.105	8.22 1/2	Yokohama	1/6 1/16
Stockholm	18 1/2	18 1/2	Montevideo	2 1/2
Vienna	22	22	Monterey	4.01 1/2
			Silver (spot)	18 1/2
			(forward)	18 1/2

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### TO-DAY'S RECIPES.

#### A Salad as Sweet Course.

A sweet salad makes an interesting and refreshing substitute for the pudding course. Also it is much more beautiful than any cooked sweet could be.

Put 1/2 oz. powdered gelatine in a small pan with a teaspoonful water. Leave for 1 hour, add 2 tablespoonfuls sugar, and stir over gentle heat till gelatine and sugar are melted. Remove the pan, then add the juice of a grapefruit and of half a lemon, coloured pink with a few drops cochineal, and stir through a muslin into a shallow dish. When cold and set, chop up roughly, place on a glass dish, and arrange on it small cheese "fruit" made as follows:—Divide a cream cheese into pieces about the size of a small walnut, roll into balls with butter hands, toss on a paper lightly dusted with paprika, and stick a clove at one end of each "fruit" to represent stem and leaf.

**Tomato and Pineapple Rosettes.**  
Allow a rose for each person to be served, dip in boiling water for a minute, and skin. Cut in 4 divisions almost to the stem end and press gently apart until the tomatoes look like half-open flowers. Carefully remove a little of the pulp and fill the centers with chopped pine apple mixed with mayonnaise dressing. Serve on nests of crisp lettuce leaves arranged on individual dishes or plates.

**Banana and Date Salad.**  
Peel half a dozen bananas, slice them thinly into a shallow dish, and sauté over the heat the juice of half a lemon. Sprinkle with sugar, firm dates, cut each fruit in four, and mix with the bananas. Make a dressing with 3 tablespoonfuls salad oil and 1 tablespoonful lemon juice,

### EVENING MODES.

#### Are Full of Detail.

The idea of the Paris evening mode is a natural, curved line, and "dangerous curves are ahead for the woman who tries to wear such styles without being at the top of athletic fitness. Every pound of excess flesh is going to be revealed. It is going to be as difficult for the thin as it is for the plump, for the flat-chested, hipless figure looks ridiculous in such clothes. Evening bodices, while high in front, are practically backless. Evening skirts, while long and down to the ground, make the figure look tall. They cling rather than flare, thus making a point of curves. A saving tuck-in is thrown to this short mode in the form of the tiny jacket or the draped scarf that is worn over the shoulders of most evening dresses.

Modern evening dresses, which are full of details of a sculptural character, call for materials that fall faultlessly, such as heavy crepes with rich dull surfaces, and season salt and paper. Arrange some fresh, crisp lettuce leaves in a salad bowl, place the fruit on these, pour the dressing over, and garnish with cherries, raspberries, or any red fruit in season.

**Orange Salad.**  
This may be served either in individual grape-fruit glasses or in one glass or china bowl. Peel the quantity of fruit required, allowing one small orange or half a large one for each person. Scrape off all pith, divide into segments, and remove pips. Cut each segment in two, sprinkle very generously with caster sugar, and over all pour a glass (large or small, according to amount of fruit) of sherry. Turn into glasses or bowl and leave in a very cold place till required.

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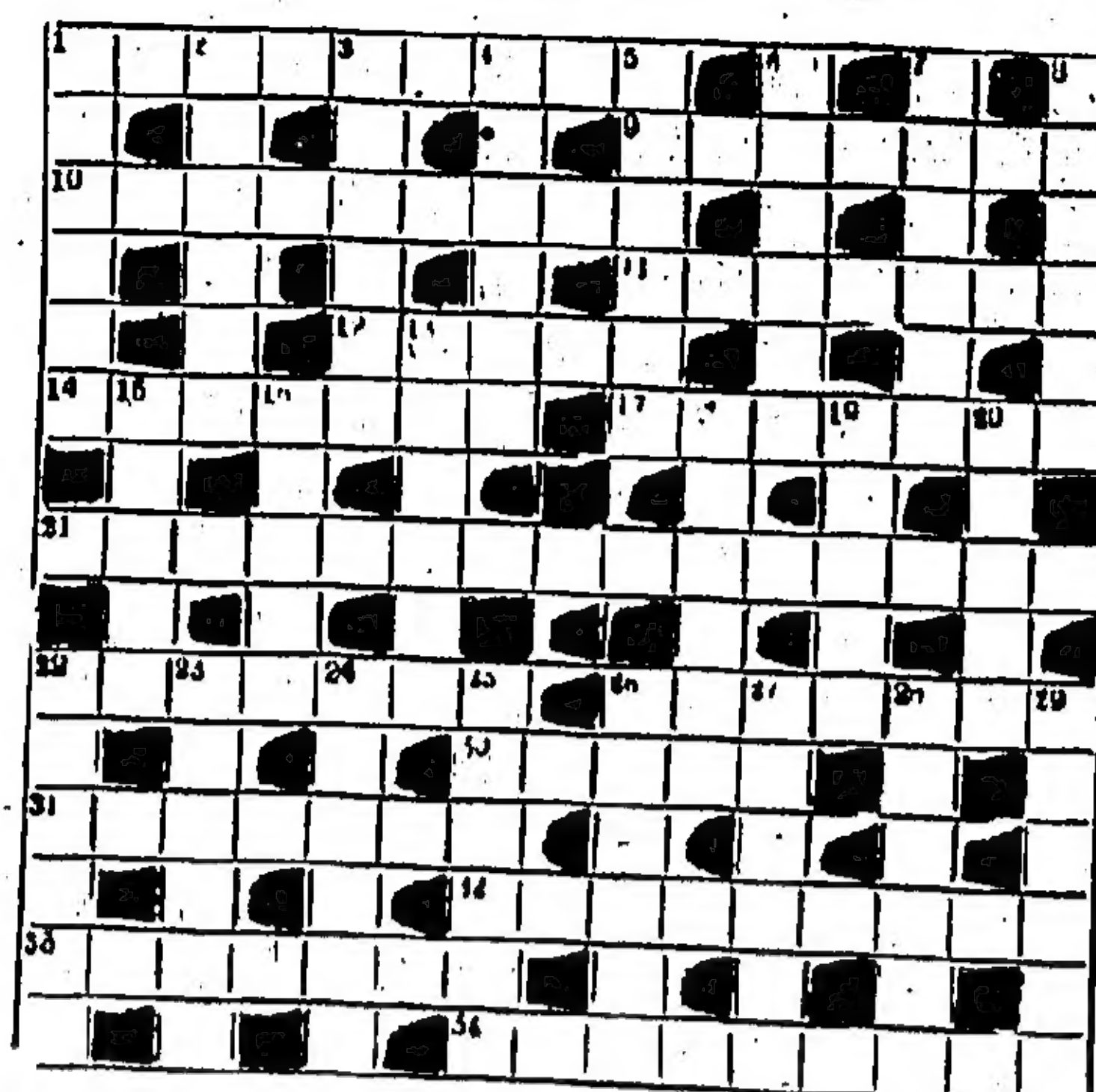
For tanning the skin in town a special oil is sold which is intended to change the complexion gently to a pale café au lait colour even where there is no sun.

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- 10 You can't miss this, it's made manifest.
- 11 Amplify, in general.
- 12 Its laughter does not imply mirth.
- 14 A river craft which, though no speed boat, requires petrol for full efficiency.
- 17 Search thoroughly for this.
- 21 "I miss a call on T.U.C." having made erroneous estimates (anag.).
- 22 These cut curves in wood.
- 26 Notwithstanding the violence of the wind, a certain amount of fog always accompanies it.
- 30 Track attaching to a horse.
- 31 Venezuelan river.
- 32 Love's butt.
- 33 Turkish master.
- 34 The bribe is returned before it, indeed, is set down.

#### Down

- 1 There's lots of money in this ancient Irish city.
- 2 A sort of dog.
- 3 Obviously not a terrible insult.
- 4 To Roland, as it is to tat.
- 5 Attach to one's self.
- 6 Here yaws buried King Arthur.
- 7 Slang.
- 8 The kind of schoolboy that no schoolboy can stand (two words).
- 13 No, 8 is sure to have a stripe of this blue.
- 15 Give this James only a penny and he will look blue.
- 16 Quite apart from the Budget, cuts in horses are clearly in-

- 18 These figures are familiar in every school.
- 19 When this holy person is indigent—or, at any rate, short—he may be seen in any town.
- 20 Bright coloured flowers that can be seen in warm countries but cannot in Scotland.
- 22 Bankrupt.
- 23 There is something conditional about these little cigars.
- 24 Not much of a fight apparently, but when followed by a bout will undoubtedly please the crowd.
- 25 Phlegmatic.
- 26 Deep in his map, the A.D.C. becomes wild.
- 27 Wits.
- 28 Widow.
- 29 She is wrapped up in her boy though scourged with satire.

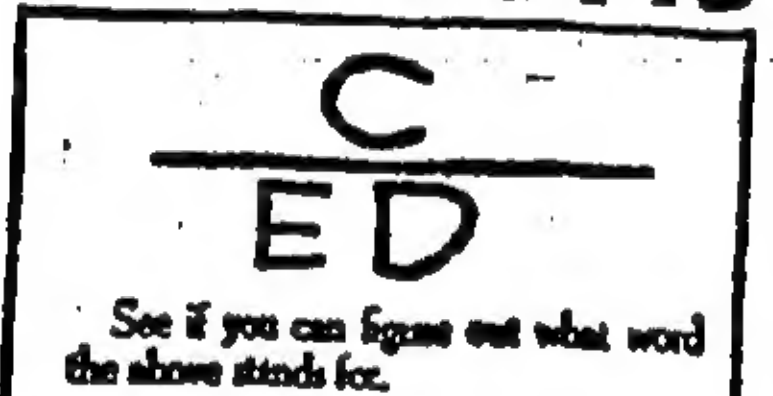
#### Yesterday's Solution.

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3. **ONLY**  
4. **LYNX**  
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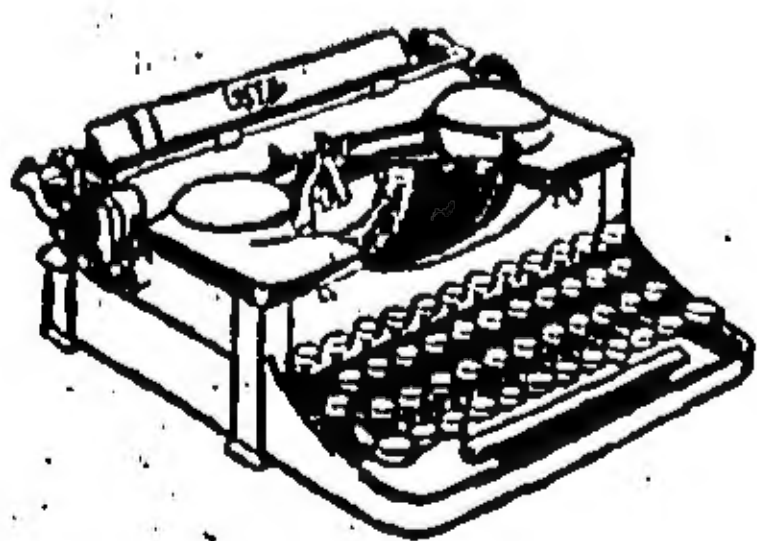
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## ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

The widow and family of the late Mr. F. X. Place de Silva tender sincere thanks to their relatives and friends for the many kind expressions of sympathy in their recent bereavement, also for floral tributes sent and attendance at the funeral.

## The Hongkong Telegraph

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 1931.

## FIRES AND SLUMS.

The inquiry into the Pottinger Street fire disaster did little to elucidate the series of minor mysteries connected therewith. The origin of the outbreak has been left undetermined, a feature which is neither unusual in such affairs nor unexpected. The heavy loss of life was, at the conclusion yesterday, attributed by the Coroner to six different causes, acting together, providing a composite explanation which goes some way towards relieving doubts regarding the part played by the Fire Brigade. The problem set the Brigade was a formidable one. The topography of the Pottinger Street district is such that direct access to the fire was impossible. There are steps both at top and at bottom. The slope is treacherously steep at most points, even were it possible to overcome these obstacles. Nevertheless, the Brigade is not entirely absolved by the Coroner's statement that no information reached them that anyone was missing until the bodies on the second floor were found at 8.30 a.m. on the following morning. It seems to us that it should be the set duty of one man on the first appliance to arrive at the scene of any fire to make enquiries regarding the inmates of the threatened house. The difficulties are obvious; in some cases, perhaps, insurmountable. A fire is always attended by confusion in its immediate vicinity. The presence of a crowd complicates the situation. Often enough, they are full of unfounded rumours regarding missing persons. It does seem, however, that if sufficient was known about the inmates of the upper storeys to be able to say that one of the victims lost his life in an attempt to save property when there was not sufficient time to do so, the failure of others to emerge from the blazing building might also have been ascertained. It is conceivable that rescue would

still have been impossible, but that is neither capable of demonstration nor adequate argument. Only an attempt at rescue immediately after the arrival of the Brigade could have provided a satisfactory proof.

Another wide question was opened up by the Coroner when he embodied his six explanations of the loss of life in a general criticism of the old-fashioned and faulty construction of the house, and advocated, as the only remedy, a wholesale and properly planned policy of slum clearance and rebuilding, especially in the Central District. It is unfortunate that he did not go even more fully into this aspect of the disaster, though, as he pointed out, the danger from fire in the slum districts is neither the only nor the strongest argument for this policy. The health organisation of the Colony would submit, most emphatically, that it is the least cogent. We should have liked a definite of Hongkong slum districts, from the Coroner's viewpoint. When a politician, national or municipal, at Home talks of slum clearance, we know exactly what he is talking about, the type of district to be cleared and so on. Locally, a wholesale policy of slum clearance based upon the Home standard would involve the reconstruction of eighty per cent. of residential premises in Hongkong and nearly as large a proportion in Kowloon. Meanwhile Government contributes to the perpetuation of slums, to the establishment of slums in newly developed areas. Fire risks, and structural stability, of course, provide the only observable considerations in the passing of plans for new buildings. No attention appears to be directed to the provision of open spaces that cannot be eliminated by the opportunity to sell the land. The Praya East Reclamation development is a lasting indictment of the Government policy, or rather complete lack of policy.

## The "Killing Time" Menace.

Regarded, as a general rule, with indifference, yet in reality constituting a peril, is the wastage of their leisure hours by the people and in particular, the youth of the world to-day. So natural has become this disregard of the possibilities in the useful employment of time spent outside the office or the workshop, that the phrase "killing time" has grown into common usage. In Hongkong, the danger is no less obvious than elsewhere; in fact, it is in many respects heightened by the peculiarities of the life in the Far East. The "maskee" spirit is reflected in too many of our "movements" in the Colony, and in many cases it has an effect similar to that of the Trade Union system, which demands that a person work for so many hours, and as soon as the time has expired, he or she must down tools for the rest of the day. The trouble seems to be that numbers of young people cannot find interests to occupy their minds after their allotted hours of work. Hobbies are a thing scorned by the many, and only books of a certain type (invariably novels) hold their attention. Leisure hours are consequently divided between cinemas and dances and similar types of amusement. These may justly claim to provide the public with diversion, but can be hardly put forward as possessing very much educative value. It is not an injustice to say that the modern youth is of less value to society than his predecessors of twenty five years ago. It would seem that if the world is to maintain its culture, and the high standard set by those who have gone before in art, music and literature, as well as in social welfare work, which is a tremendously important and almost indispensable part of life, then some system of education will have to be introduced to counteract the increasing tendencies of young people to ignore such matters. Our schools may have to include in their curriculums an advanced syllabus covering these subjects, by which means the mind of the growing child can be trained to appreciate his leisure hours and to utilise them later on for the benefit of the community and the world as a whole.

## DAY BY DAY

EDUCATION BEGINS THE GENTLEMAN, BUT READING, GOOD COMPANY, AND REFLECTION, MUST FINISH HIM.—Locke.

The Empress of Canada is to sail for Manila at 8 p.m. to-day.

The American Consulate General, Shanghai, would appreciate information concerning Mr. Stewart Price.

The Ben Line s.s. Benvennoch left Manila for this port this morning and is due to arrive on Sunday afternoon.

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone appears to be central to the N.W. of Peking, nearly stationary.

The Manufacturers Life Insurance Co. are moving into new offices on the second floor of Asiatic Building as from Monday.

Miss Peggy Hornell, daughter of Mr. E. B. C. Hornell, of Shanghai, arrived here by the Empress of Japan. She is spending a holiday with her uncle, Sir William Hornell.

Mr. Lee Yuk-long, chairman of the Board of Directors of the Bank of Canton, will celebrate his 51st birthday on December 5. Mrs. Lee will celebrate her birthday on the same day.

A Chinese of the Asia Boarding House of Yau-mat was removed to the Kwong Wah Hospital last evening suffering from the effects of opium poisoning believed to have been self-administered.

The 7th annual athletic sports of Yat Ming English School, Yau-mat, will be held on the Yau-mat School Football Ground, King's Park tomorrow. Prizes will be distributed by Mrs. Y. T. Ho at 3.30.

Accidentally slipping his hand on a circular saw which he was operating at the Green Island Cement Company, Wong Shing, aged 16, of 19, Taku Street, was removed to the Kowloon Hospital for treatment. His condition, however, is not serious.

Amongst the passengers who arrived by the Empress of Canada to-day were Mr. and Mrs. Henry Humphreys, Mr. and Mrs. L. Dunbar, Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Greenhill, Mr. and Mrs. A. Hicks, Mrs. Grayburn, Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Grimmit, Mr. F. Lobel and Mr. A. E. Silkestone.

In sentencing an aged woman mendicant to seven days' imprisonment, Mr. Grantham at the Central Police Court this morning remarked that he would leave the woman her \$5 which she had put up as bail. In the defendant's possession when arrested were over \$12.

The Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, who has been in Shanghai attending the Conference of the Pacific Institute of International Relations, returned to-day by the Empress of Canada. He has also been making a trip into the interior of China, having been amongst the first British passengers to fly from Nanking to Chungking.

Li Tai-koo, widow, late of No. 248, Hollywood Road, who died on July 10, 1928, at She Chung Village, left Hongkong estate to the value of \$31,300, all of which is directed to be used for the benefit of her oldest grandson, whose mother, Ho Shi, widow, temporarily residing at the Hollywood Road address, is appointed the sole executrix.

## Abolish Rule of Thumb.

By GILBERT FRANKAU.

A RECENT piece of good news, that deserved the greatest publicity was that the London School of Economics, in starting a special course for the training of selected students to fill high positions in modern business, aimed in that course at the abolition of the "Rule of Thumb."

For that, I take it, meant that the students would be encouraged to use that most important of all their faculties, their imagination; to become original thinkers, and not mere followers of stereotyped routine. Hitherto, we in Great Britain have paid far too little attention to the encouragement of the imagination and original, creative thinking. Our system of education has confined itself almost exclusively to the teaching of facts.

Discouraging Imagination. One can say, indeed, though of course there have been and still are laudable exceptions, that the average schoolmaster and schoolmistress, often aided and abetted by the average parent, have been at considerable pains to discourage the imagination of the young. Every success in every walk in life, however humble, can be in part attributed to the imaginative faculty. Men and women must dream before they can accomplish. And if we kill this gift for dreaming in the child, we kill the main aptitude which distinguishes humanity from the beast.

Consider some of the greatest human careers. Newton, watching the apples fall, and from that first imagining, then proving, his theory of gravity; James Watt watching the kettle boil, and from that first imagining giving us the benefit of the steam engine.

Overcoming Obstacles. The career of our present Prime Minister, too, furnishes yet another example of the dreamer whose dreams have carried him triumphant over all life's obstacles. Yet who can doubt that if the young Ramsay MacDonald had said to his Scottish schoolmaster, "One day I am going to be Prime Minister of Great Britain," he would have been rewarded with something sharper than a mere rebuke?

We are all apt to rebuke the young for their dreams. And for this, no doubt, we have our justifications. Because the older we grow the more we realise how few of our dreams fructify, how many of the castles built by our imagination are toppled over by the earthquake of experience. "Therefore," we say to our children, "don't rely on your imagination. Don't be dreamers. Realise that this is a hard matter-of-fact kind of world; and use your common sense instead."

Common sense, however, unless backed by vision and original thinking, is not enough. One can be too matter-of-fact in this world. Just as one can be too cautious. And boys or girls who are taught nothing but facts are apt to forget that man is master of the facts, and not the facts master of the man. The most dangerous belief in the world is the belief that we are ruled by some immutable destiny. But it is almost as dangerous to believe that there is anything sacred in mere routine. The moment we believe this last we become slaves to the rule of thumb.

## WALTER SALKIND on WHISTLING HUSBANDS.

NO really contented man whistles in the way that husbands do. Errand boys and milkmen when on duty whistle loudly but that is merely a safety valve for surplus energy; or, if it is early morning, just for cursedness.

But a husband's whistle is a sotto voce affair, and generally runs to tunes which dwell on home or mammy. (This, by the way, is about the only incontestable proof of the existence of a subconscious mind.)

And the best that can be said about such husbands is that they are adepts at self-control. The whistling is merely the early symptom of nervous irritation rigidly in check. For the whistling is always resorted to on precious occasions, and never when they are perfectly content.

No husband whistles when pottering with the wireless, flogging the garden, or reading the latest thriller. And conversation which interests him never prompts him to supply a musical accompaniment.

Therefore he is selfish. No sign of contentment that is visible when the domestic dition about bills, the day's littles or the neighbours' busines beginning to get on his nerves. It means simply that he has little patience that a little things like that irritate.

Or, if he is busy with those endless jobs which seem to be pre-ordained for him, a whistled tune means something has gone wrong, soon do so. Before long, he is swearing, or suggesting ideas that perhaps, after a job isn't worth doing.

And nobody in the of our novelists or dramatists who whistled. It is a perfect idea conceived by dull-witted as a last desperate that as their ideals. The whistling there is a romance.

The fact is the husband's whistle is most intimately to his wife. For the whistling is other people's business. If he did, they would little hesitation in dubbing callous or merely rude.

Yet we call our husbands a nice, easy-going, kind man. The whistling is said to be on the wane in many (Continued p. 7.)



The boy who left home because he didn't like to work in the garden.



**FORGED NOTE CASE  
DISMISSED.****WON IN GAMBLING AT  
CANTON.****EVIDENCE TOO WEAK.**

Owing to insufficiency of evidence to prove that the defendants had guilty knowledge, Mr. Grantham, at the Central Police Court this morning, discharged two Chinese who were accused of possession of a forged Chartered Bank \$10 note. The first of the men was also alleged to have uttered the note knowing it to be a forgery.

The defendants denied guilty knowledge.

Detective Sergeant Payntz explained to his Worship that the first defendant had attempted to purchase a singlet from a stallholder in Bonham Strand when he tendered the forged note. He was promptly arrested and taken to the Police Station where he informed the officers that the note had been given him by a friend, whom he subsequently found, this friend being the second defendant.

When arrested, the second defendant said he had won the note gambling in Canton.

His Worship:—It's fairly reasonable. I don't think there's sufficient evidence to convict either of them. The first defendant found the second defendant straight away to substantiate his statement. I would not be prepared to convict on that.

The prosecuting officer pointed out that the moment the hawker was given the note he realised it was a forged one.

His Worship:—I don't think that's sufficient to prove that he (first defendant) knew it was forged.

Evidence was given by Mr. J. M. Pinn, of the Chartered Bank, that the note was an obvious forgery, and after the stallholder had given evidence his Worship said he was not prepared to convict the men, both of whom were discharged.

**MORE JAPANESE  
TROOPS.**

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had informed M. Briand that he did not object in principle to the Council's resolution, but had raised the question of the safety of Chinchow and need for checking the present Japanese advance.

The committee of twelve of the League Council in Paris to-night appointed a small Committee composed of M. Briand, Lord Cecil, Senator Madaraga and Mr. Colban to draft an agreed text for that part of the Council resolution dealing with the proposed Commission of Enquiry.

The Chinese delegate had not received his new instructions regarding the resolution but hoped to have them to-morrow.

**Neutral Zone Possible.**

According to press telegrams, during meeting further instructions were sent to the Military Attaches of League Members at present in Manchuria, asking them to keep in touch with movements of the Chinese and Japanese forces and, if necessary, to organise a neutral zone in front of Chinchow to prevent a clash.

The Council meets to-morrow, when it is hoped to have the Chinese reply.

There will probably be a public meeting of the Council on Saturday.—*Reuter and British Wireless.*

**HUT DESTROYED.****MAINLAND FIRE BRIGADE  
CALLED OUT.**

A wooden hut in Ngau Tau, near Un Long, was burned down in the early hours of this morning. The Tsimshatsui Fire Station received a call at 4.35 a.m. and an appliance was sent out with Mr. Saunders in charge.

The fire had too firm a hold on the building by the time it arrived, and the hut was totally destroyed. The occupants received ample warning but three pigs were burned to death.

Messrs. Dodwell and Co. inform us that the S.S. Gango is due here at 8 o'clock to-morrow morning and will berth at Kowloon Wharf.

**THE CALEDONIAN  
GALA NIGHT.**

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son, who can boast a connexion with two historic clans.

The Stewart shield draped with tartan hangs behind the official dais at the northern end of the rose room, while that of MacGregor stands out prominently at the other end. In the roof garden is the escutcheon of the Gunn clan to which the Vice-Chief, Mr. B. Wylie, claims affiliation. Facing it is the shield of the St. Andrews Society. Smaller clan shields decorated with illuminated thistles are on the walls of both rooms.

**Official Supper Arrangements.**

Downstairs on the first floor where the official supper will take place, a coloured shield of the St. Andrews Society forms a background to the Chief's table. The hall would not, of course, be St. Andrews' Ball without an Arctichute, and that most essential department has been given a Scottish flavour by a touch of tartan and Mr. Duncan's version of Burns' "Rigs o'Barley." That very capable young artist was also responsible for the shields.

The official luncheon, timed to begin at 5.30 p.m. will open the ball to-night.

**An Innovation.**

The guests will make their way to the supper tables about 11.30, when the Chief's speech will be amplified by loud speakers at various points. This system will also be used to carry the strains of the Argyll's pipes from the Central annex between the two dancing rooms, for the Scottish dancers. This work was carried out by Messrs. Arnold & Co.

**Official Supper Party.**

The official supper party will be as follows:—Mr. A. Stevenson and Lady Peel, His Excellency Sir William Peel, K.B.E. and Mrs. Stevenson, Admiral Sir W. H. Kelly and Mrs. Southern, Major General J. W. Sandilands and Lady Kelly, Mr. B. Wylie and Mrs. A. H. Walker, Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern and Mrs. R. M. Dyer, Commodore A. H. Walker and Mrs. Blackie, Consul General Phillips and Mrs. Mackie, Mr. R. M. Dyer and Mrs. E. O. Sutherland, Dr. G. D. R. Black and Mrs. Phillips, Mr. J. Reid and Mrs. Greig, The Hon. Mr. C. G. S. Mackie and Mrs. Crenay, Mr. J. W. C. Bonnar and Miss Reid, Mr. T. H. R. Shaw and Mrs. Hallifax, Hon. Mr. H. T. Crenay and Mrs. Walsh, Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton and Mrs. Bennett, Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes and Mrs. R. S. Robertson, Dean Swann and Mrs. Cameron, Mr. Cook and Mrs. Owen Hughes, Sir Joseph Kemp and Mrs. Pearce, Sir Shouson Chow and Mrs. Cook, Hon. Mr. T. and Mrs. Lindell, Rev. E. G. Powell and Mrs. Swann, Lt.-Col. Bennett and Miss Kelly, Mr. T. E. Pearce and Mrs. Ralston, Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson and Mrs. Black, Commodore and Mrs. A. H. Walker, Sir William Hornell and Mrs. Mackie, Mr. J. W. C. Bonnar and Mrs. Dyer.

**Official Luncheon.**

The sets for the official Luncheon will be as follows:—Chief's Set.—Mr. Stevenson and Lady Peel, H. E. Major General J. W. Sandilands and Miss Stevenson, H. E. Admiral Sir Howard Kelly and Mrs. Hallifax, Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern and Mrs. Stevenson.

**The Committees.**

The Committees responsible for carrying out the arrangements for the Ball are as follows:—General Committee.—Mr. A. Stevenson (President), Mr. B. Wylie (Vice President), Mr. J. W. Bonnar (Past President), Mr. R. M. Dyer (Past President), Dr. G. D. R. Black (Past President), The Hon. Mr. C. G. S. Mackie (Past President), Mr. T. H. R. Shaw (Past President), Mr. Allan Cameron, Mr. H. R. Forsyth, Mr. K. E. Greig, Mr. E. L. Hosie, Dr. J. J. Paterson, the Hon. Mr. J. J. Stuart, Mr. P. W. Ramsay, Mr. J. Stuart, Mr. S. J. H. Fox (Hon. Treasurer), Mr. E. M. Brydon and Mr. D. S. Robb, Joint Hon. Secretaries.

Invitation Committee.—General Committee along with Mr. A. B. Stewart, (Convenor), Mr. A. R. H. Phillips, Lt.-Col. T. A. Robertson, Major General J. W. Sandilands, Mr. J. H. Taggart.

Dance and Music Committee.—Mr. J. Ralston, (Convenor), Messrs. W. L. Alexander, R. B. Bell, A. N. Braude, A. W. Brown, J. Bullock, J. McFarlane, I. H. G. Light, R. Kirkwood, W. F. Leckie, D. Lyon, W. C. C. Mackie, P. Morrison, T. P. Sanderson, R. Sutherland, H. C. Watson.

Ladies' Cloukroom Committee.—Dr. J. C. Macgowan.

Supper and Wines Committee.—Mr. P. W. Ramsay, (Convenor), Messrs. E. C. Black, R. A. Campbell, D. Cochran, S. S. Cook, J. Forbes, J. Fraser, W. Lawson, R. S. Logan, R. C. Law, T. Low, J. Murray, H. M. McTavish, T. Parkinson, J. Polson, A. M. Simpson, G. Stewart, G. G. Stoper, Thompson, A. C. Young, A. D. Wylie.

Decorations Committee.—Mr. E. Docherty, (Convenor), Messrs. M. Ferguson, A. Duncan, J. Kempton.

Card Room Committee.—Mr. B. W. Hie.

Honorary Pipers.—Messrs. W. C. K. Mackie, H. C. Watson, George Nisbet, P. D. Wilson.

**CANTON POLITICAL  
DISSENSION.**

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Wu said it was agreed in regard to national finance that there should be a National Commission composed of representatives of popular or unofficial organisations, as well as representatives of the Government, with the former in a preponderating majority. This Commission would have very wide powers, the object being that the people, through their representatives, should have control over the national finances, and, what was very important, that they should have knowledge of how the nation's money was being spent. The Commission would also be empowered to refuse appropriations for internal warfare.

Another point dealt with by the Peace Conference was in regard to the future of the Kuomintang Party, which, as everyone knew, was now split into two groups, that at Canton and that at Nanking. The summoning of the two rival Congresses was in itself a demonstration of the split, said Dr. Wu.

It had been proposed, and tentatively agreed to by the Peace Conference delegates, that these two Congresses should elect members to the Central Executive Committee and to the Central Supervisory Committee, the membership of these bodies to be doubled and the names of the members to be identical. Furthermore it was proposed that those who had been members of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd terms of these two

**THE "TELEGRAPH" ART  
SUPPLEMENT.****Fine Pictures of Old  
China.**

A feature of to-morrow's issue of the *Telegraph* Pictorial Supplement will be the reproduction of a series of paintings of Old China, from the collection of Mr. D. Minlora, of London.

These will include a number of delightful works of art painted for the Emperor Kien Lung about 1760 by an Italian priest. Also included are three unknown pictures which Mr. Minlora is anxious to have identified. The owner of the collection extends an invitation to anyone interested, when in London, to inspect these works of art, number, in all about a hundred. Mr. Minlora's address is Wilwood House, London, N.W. 11.

In addition to these pictures there will be a big array of illustrations of local events, including weddings, sporting events and the recent Fire Brigade demonstration.

Committees should all be elected, with the important exception of those who had been definitely identified with Communism. This new Central Executive Committee would, said Dr. Wu, be entrusted with the task of amending the Constitution and reconstructing the Government.

In regard to foreign affairs, the Conference discussed and agreed upon certain broad, fundamental policies in respect of the Sino-Japanese crisis, with the important exception, suggested by the Canton members and agreed to by the Nanking delegates, that certain past policies, such as non-resistance, should not be endorsed. Meanwhile, the actual conduct of foreign affairs is left in the hands of Nanking.

Another point covered by the Peace Conference was that, with a view to preventing as far as possible internal warfare no military action be taken for the solution of political questions unless with the consent of the Central Executive in a session with a quorum of two-thirds of the membership and with the approval of two-thirds of those present, voting by secret ballot.

Dr. Wu emphasised that any tentative agreement reached at the Conference was only as between the delegates of the two sections, and would require ratification by the rival Congresses before becoming operative.

**Canton's Attitude.**

Asked if the Canton Congress had yet indicated its attitude towards the outcome of the Peace Conference, Dr. Wu said that, whilst approving in the main of the arrangements reached, it had expressed its disapproval of the suggested plan that the members of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd terms should all be members of the present 4th term of the two Central Committees.

It was, said Dr. Wu with a view to attempting to remove any obstacles to the ratification of the agreement by the Canton Congress, that he and Mr. Hu Han-min were now proceeding to Canton. Their aim was to reinforce the views of the Canton delegates who had

**48,000 HOURS OF VIOLIN  
PLAYING.****EQUIVALENT TO FIVE AND  
HALF YEARS.**

Heifetz, the famous violinist, who will be heard in recital here at the King's on December 4, estimates that he has played a violin for 48,000 hours during his life, that is the equivalent of playing nearly five and a half years steadily, twenty-four hours a day without a break and no time for sleep or meals. The figures include both the time he has spent giving concerts and practising.

At the age of thirty, Heifetz has twenty-seven years of playing behind him. He himself does not remember a time when he could not play the violin any more than you can remember a time when you could not walk. For his fingers were trained for fiddling when he was three years old. His father bought him an instrument of quarter size and started him on his first lesson. From then on throughout his childhood he averaged four hours a day practising. His first public appearance was made at the age of five.

It is his boast that since the age of seven he has been a self-supporting citizen.

already returned, and to offer such explanations as were necessary towards this end.

Apparently one obstacle was the failure of Chiang Kai-shek to announce his resignation. "Before Canton sent its delegates to the Peace Conference, Chiang Kai-shek had agreed to resign," said Dr. Wu. "In fact, that was the understanding on which we went to Shanghai. As he has not fulfilled his promise, the Congress at Canton is somewhat sceptical in regard to the future execution of any arrangements come to."

**Chiang's Position.**

"Does Canton demand the immediate resignation of Chiang Kai-shek?" asked our representative.

"Not at all," replied Dr. Wu. "All that we ask is that he fulfil his promise by announcing his intention to retire, to be followed by his actual resignation when the new Government is created. Canton has already agreed that it will dissolve its National Government at the same time. In fact, it was agreed that the two announcements should be made on the same day."

"And you are still waiting for Chiang Kai-shek to discharge his promise?" asked the interviewer.

"Yes," replied Dr. Wu, "and the fact that he has not done so has caused this hitch in Canton."

"In other words," remarked our representative, "the next move lies with Nanking?"

"Certainly," replied Dr. Wu. "It is for them to keep their promise. If they do not do so, the unification of China, I am afraid, may be indefinitely postponed."

Dr. Wu added that in view of the Sino-Japanese crisis, a strong, united Government was essential, but Chiang Kai-shek was at present the obstacle in the creation of such a Government.

It had been suggested by the Canton delegates to the Peace Conference that Chiang Kai-shek should, in the new Government, be President of the Committee of National Defence. This would be a position in which his talents could be put to the best possible use. So far, however, there had been nothing to indicate Chiang Kai-shek's reaction to this suggestion.

In conclusion, Dr. Wu observed that "if all this peace talk is to start with a breach of faith on one side, such as Chiang Kai-shek's failure to fulfil his promise, it does not suggest very well for future co-operation."

**Mr. Hu Han-min Reluctant.**

An important conference will be held to-day in Hongkong between Messrs. Hu Han-min and Dr. Chao-chu Wu, and Admiral Chan Chak, General Chang Wei-cheung, and Divisional Commander Heung Hon-ping. The latter is believed to be representing General Chan Chai-tong.

While it is generally expected that Mr. Hu Han-min will exert his influence to bring about a settlement of the dissension among the delegates to the Kuomintang Congress in Canton, he was reticent in his comments on the situation in the South when interviewed this morning. The Conservative politician apparently desired to interview various people before committing himself to an expression of opinion regarding the Congress disagreement.

Mr. Hu Han-min is accompanied by his wife and daughter and a few former officials of the Nanking Legislative Council. Messrs. Sun Fo and Eugene Chen are expected from Macao this afternoon to meet him. Mr. Li Wen-fan, the chief secretary of Mr. Hu Han-min, returned to Hongkong last night from Macao.

**RADIO  
BROADCAST****TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME OF  
RECORDED MUSIC.**

To-day's radio programme, from Z. B. W. on a wavelength of 365 metres.

5.00-7.00 p.m. Chinese recorded programme.

7.00-10.00 p.m. European programme of Columbia records.

10.00-10.30 p.m. Beethoven's Emperor Concerto.

10.30 p.m. Rugby mid-day press news.

10.35 p.m. Close down.

7.00 p.m. Stock quotations, mail notices, etc.

7.05-7.17 p.m. Band Selections.

Down South (Myddleton).

Band of the Royal Air Force. D2476.

Russian Fantasy (Arr. Somers).

Potticott Lane (Arr. Parry).

Debroy Somers' Band. 9830.

8.00 p.m. (Local time and weather report).

7.17-8.17 p.m. Variety.

Vocal Duet-Rio Rita If You're In Love You'll Wait.

Vocal Duet-Rio Rita.

Edith Day and Geoffrey Gwyther. DX66.

Saxophone Solo-Llewellyn Waltz.

Saxophone Solo-Seaview.

Saxophone Solo-Rudy Wiedoff. 4076.

Humorous Duet-We All Go On!

Humorous Duet-Only A Gangster's Sweetheart.

The Two Gibbets. MR318.

Xylophone Solo-The Clatter of the Clogs.

Orchestral-The Mosquitoes' Parade.

London Novelty Orchestra. D2633.

Song-My Irish Song of Songs.

Song-At The End of An Irish Lane.

Cavan O'Connor (Tenor). MR357.

Organ Solo-Where Art Thou?

Organ Solo-Children's Waltz.

G. Patman. DB104.

Chorus-Sally.

Chorus-Put Your Loving Arms Around Me.

The Four Voices. MR376.

Band-My Cavalier.

Band-While The Tango Moans.

Elderado Tango Band. MR388.

8.17-8.44 p.m. Light Opera.

Tom Jones Selections (German).

The Regimental Band of H. M. Grenadier Guards. 9297.

Merrie England-Vocal Gems.

Miriam Lioetto, Clara Serena, Francis Russell, Denis Noble, Robert Carr and Chorus. 9893.

La Boheme Fantasia.

Albert Sandler and His Grand Hotel Eastbourne Orch. 4542.

8.44-9.20 p.m. Orchestral.

The Pinnacles of Rome (Respighi).

The Milan Symphony Orchestra. 9833-4.

Silhouettes (Arensky).

The Eastbourne Municipal Orchestra. 9749.

Waldteufel Memories (Arr. Fineck).

Herman Fineck and His Orch. 9830.

9.20-9.55 p.m. A Concert.

Octet-On Wings of Song.

(Mendelssohn Arr. Sear).

J. H. Squire Celeste Octet. 9275.

Song-The Songs My Mother Sang.

(Arr. Grimsbow).

Song-The Kerry Dance (Molloy).

Doris Vane (Soprano). DX157.

Piano Solo-Improvisation No. 4 in F Minor (Schubert).

Piano Solo-Improvisation No. 2 in A Flat (Schubert).

Ethel Leginska. 9478.

Song-(A) Where Be Ye Going?

(Holbrooke) (B) Old Clothes and Fine Clothes (Friede and Shaw).

Song-Messmates (Newbolt and Statham).

Norman Allin (Bass). 5140.

Cello Solo-Tarantella (Poppo).

W. H. Squire. L2371.

9.55-10.30 p.m.

Concerto No. 5 in E Flat Major (Beethoven) played by Wilhelm Backhaus and the Royal Albert Hall Orchestra conducted by Sir Landon Ronald.

1st. Movement-Adagio.

2nd. Movement-Adagio un poco mosso.

3rd. Movement-Rondo Allegro.

This suite has been kindly loaned by Mr. A. M. Bowes-Smith.

10.30 p.m. Rugby mid-day press news.

10.35 p.m. Close down.

The Columbia records in the above European programmes are kindly supplied by Messrs. Anderson Music Co.

WHISTLING HUSBANDS.

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Sotto voce whistling, as distinct from the bathroom variety, is a certain prelude to bad temper in later life. It is a means of pampering the nerves, instead of controlling them.

And wives ought to be as firm about it as they are about incipient hypochondria, say, or any other form of nerves. The husband who whistles softly to himself is almost as bad as a man who takes dope. He will keep up his tuneless efforts just because they help him to keep his temper in check.

But the day is sure to come when he will need more and more whistling.

Young people are often accused of whistling to hide their fears—the grown man whistles for a similar reason. He is afraid of letting the world know that he is losing the battle with his nerves.

In any case, why should wives bear all the untuneful screech which constitutes the average husband's whistles? Far better buy him some chewing gum—or give him a cigarette. If they don't beat the whistle, it will end by beating them.

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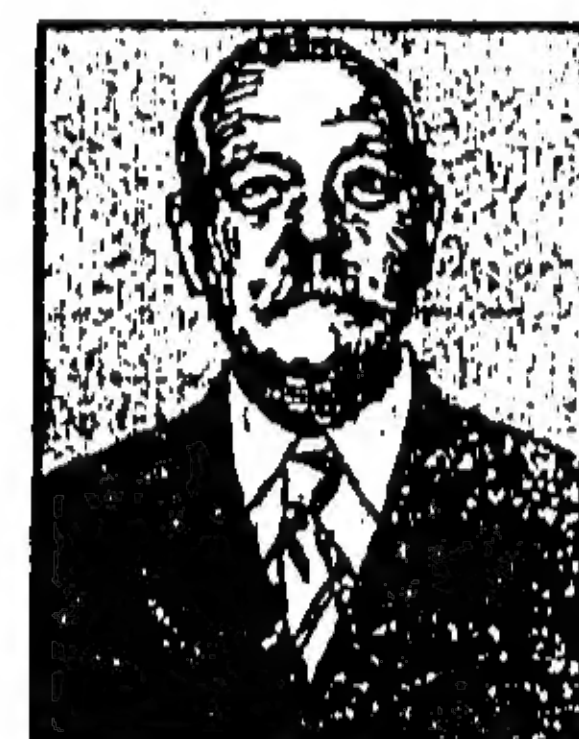
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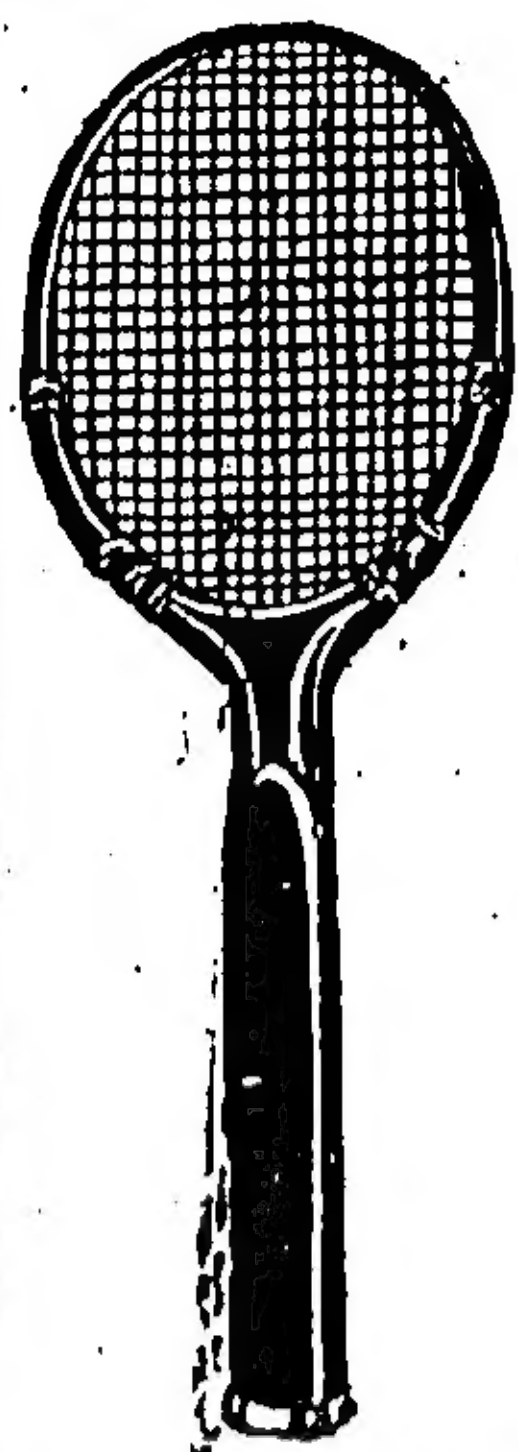
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## SHIELD MATCHES TO-MORROW.

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the attention of the senior and  
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are no league fixtures whatever.

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decision in the Senior Shield, and  
two in the Junior. The remaining  
six clubs in the latter competition  
have drawn byes and all enter the  
second round.

The clash of the Borderers and  
Kowloon on the Railway Ground  
will provide Peninsula enthusiasts  
with a game worth watching,  
though Kowloon will be expected  
to enter into the next stage of  
the event.

The Revere entertain the Club,  
and as these teams have already  
played a drawn match in the  
league, their meeting promises to  
provide quite a spectacular struggle.

The Services, in the form of  
the Argylls and the Navy, will  
contest right of entry into the  
second round at Sookumpoo, and  
the soldiers should just about  
capture the honours.

In the Junior Shield, the Revere  
will have all their work cut out  
to overcome the rejuvenated R.A.F.  
team, and although they have the  
advantage of ground, it will not  
come as a surprise if they are  
ejected.

The full programme is:

### SENIOR SHIELD. (K.O. 4 p.m.)

S. W. Borderers v. Kowloon  
(At Kowloon)  
Argylls & S. H. v. Navy  
(At Sookumpoo)  
Police v. St. Joseph's  
(On Police Ground)  
Revere v. Club  
(On Revere Ground)

### JUNIOR SHIELD. (K.O. 2.30 p.m.)

Police v. Argylls & S.H.  
(At Sookumpoo)  
Revere v. R. A. F.  
(On Revere Ground).  
The following have been chosen to  
represent the first eleven of the  
Hongkong Football Club in the first  
round of the Shield Competition

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9.00 Capt Riggs & G. B. S. Thomson.  
9.04 W. A. Stewart & T. Low.  
9.16-9.20. Reserved.  
St. Andrew's v. St. George's Societies.  
9.24 I. W. Shewan & A. E. Lissaman.  
9.28 A. B. Stewart & L. G. S. Dod-  
well.  
9.32 J. K. MacFarlane & F. J. de  
Rome.  
9.36 C. C. Stark & C. W. F. Booker.  
9.40 K. S. Robertson & I. Newton.  
9.44 R. K. Hepburn & E. J. R.  
Mitchell.  
9.48 D. Forbes & A. H. Musson.  
9.52 D. J. Gilmore & N. L. Smith.  
9.56 D. G. Bruce & H. Pooley.  
10.00 T. R. Chasela & A. C. Bowker.  
10.04 D. M. Macdougall & A. B.  
Raworth.  
10.08 J. S. MacLaren & C. E. Holmes.  
10.12 J. Stuart & J. W. Franks.  
10.16 A. B. Purves & A. D. Hum-  
phreys.  
10.20 P. C. Law & J. L. Shellshear.  
10.24 S. R. Robb & E. D. Matthews.  
10.28 S. J. H. Fox & C. B. Johnson.  
10.32 J. A. R. Selby & B. D. Evans.  
10.36 W. N. Buyers & A. Sommerfeld.  
10.40 T. S. Whyte-Smith & G. W.  
Sewell.

10.44 R. M. Henderson & J. G. Camp-  
bell.  
10.48 F. A. Redmond & H. U. Ire-  
land.  
10.52 W. R. Vallance & Comdr.  
Docksey.

10.56 Comdr. Priestley & I. H. Gens.  
11.00 L. A. R. Duncan & E. P.  
Fletcher.  
11.04 W. S. Miller & Y. Segalen.  
11.08 W. Riggs & H. W. Duley.  
11.12 G. T. May & J. Gardner.  
11.16 H. J. Armstrong & V. R. Gor-  
don.

11.20 F. C. Young & R. C. Webb.  
11.24 J. P. Sherry & G. W. Reeve.  
11.28 C. F. Hyde & I. H. C. Highet.  
11.32 R. W. Taplin & J. B. Lanyon.  
11.36 H. R. Stuart & C. P. Ross.  
11.40 E. J. Hone & A. O. Brown.  
11.44 S. T. Williamson & P. S. Grant.  
11.48 W. C. Shields & J. H. Anderson.  
11.52 E. R. Sandstrom & W. D.  
Harris.  
11.56 J. S. Dykes & G. Castle.

against the Club de Revere at King's  
Park to-morrow at 4.15 p.m.—Rogers;  
MacFarlane or Gerard, S. Strang;  
Raiton, Skinner Baldwin; Alexander,  
Segalen, Howe, Bell and E. Strang;  
Police 1st XI—Fraser; Perkins,  
Brittain, Thorpe, Channing,  
Shepherd; T. Pike, Hudson, Moss,  
Downman, C. Pike.  
Police 2nd XI—McHardy; Baker,  
Wenre; Harris, Minty, Jason;  
Pennell, M. Clark, Cornwall,  
Hunter and Forest.  
Kowloon.—Gurevitch; Martin, Lon-  
don; Hedley, McKelvie, Bliss;  
Dominy, Duncan, Timberlake,  
Bryant and Ianson.

## CINEMA SCREENINGS.

NOTES SUPPLIED BY THE  
THEATRES.

Norma Talmadge walked up a  
circular staircase without taking her  
feet off the floor. Conrad Nagel  
walked through a wall without effort  
or damage. William Farnum un-  
locked a door without touching it and  
without a key.

These amazing feats were per-  
formed on a stage at the United  
Artists studios in Hollywood under  
the critical eye of the producer-director.

They were possible because the  
staircase was painted on the floor  
and the walls and door existed only in  
imagination. The walls were marked  
by strips of wood on the floor to re-  
present the dimensions of a room in  
which scenes were rehearsed for Miss  
Talmadge's new picture, "Du Barry,  
Woman of Passion," which is showing at  
the Queen's Theatre to-day.

It is what is known in film  
technical language as a "skeleton set."  
The screen play was written by  
Sam Taylor and in the cast are  
players noted for their dramatic  
ability. They include Ulrich Haupt,  
Robert Howarth, E. Alyn Warren,  
Allison Skipworth, Edgar Norton,  
Edwin Maxwell, Tom Ricketts, Henry  
Kalkor, Clive Fitzgerald and Maude  
Trux.

It is the most pretentious love  
drama of Miss Talmadge's career.

"An American Tragedy."

Youth, its fire and personality, its  
refusal to bow to the conventional,  
its modern-day penchant for leaping  
from obscurity to fame overnight, is  
nowhere more strikingly exemplified  
than in "An American Tragedy,"  
showing at the King's Theatre.

Phillips Holmes, Sylvia Sidney,  
Frances Dee, Arlen Judge, Wallace  
Middleton, Elizabeth Forrest—those,  
and many others in the cast of more  
than fifty speaking roles, form the  
brigade of vibrant youth which in the  
story, thrilled millions of readers all  
over the world.

Holmes, a Princeton undergraduate  
a couple of years ago, was snatched  
from the campus by the films and is  
now at the top of his career as Clive  
Griffiths in "An American Tragedy."  
His remains boyishly modest despite  
his success in a series of outstanding  
pictures, "The Devil's Holiday," "Her  
Man," "The Criminal Code" and  
"Stolen Heaven."

Miss Sidney is a former young  
stage star whose dramatic ability and  
unique personality so impressed  
motion picture makers that they con-  
sidered her in her first picture, "City  
Streets." The part of Roberta Alden  
in the Dreiser story was assigned to  
her after her first success.

Miss Dee, less than a year ago  
numbered among the ranks of Holly-  
wood's extras, proved her exceptional  
ability in several minor roles. As

Sandra Finchley in "An American  
Tragedy," she plays her first big  
dramatic part. Miss Judge and Miss  
Forrest are youngsters in the film  
world, with a short record of stage  
and screen experience behind them.  
Young Middleton faced the motion  
picture camera battery for the first  
time in his "An American Tragedy"  
role.

### Ann Harding.

Her success as an actress is not  
Ann Harding's proudest boast. She  
has frequently said that she is quite  
pleased with the fact that she could  
earn her living by doing stenographic  
work if she ever decided to quit the  
screen.

Miss Harding, as a very young girl,  
rebelled against the rather circum-  
scribed life of an army officer's  
daughter. When she, her mother  
and her sister went to New York on  
a visit, she obtained a job as a typist  
in the offices of the Metropolitan Life  
Insurance Company.

The rest of Miss Harding's career  
is generally known. She functioned  
as "reader" for famous Players-  
Lasky. Then she joined the Provin-  
town Players. When she was selected  
for a leading role she resigned her  
commercial position, and has since  
progressed steadily as star of stage  
and screen.

Miss Harding is seen in the fea-  
tured role of Phillis Barry, a sen-  
sational drama, "Holiday," a rather di-  
latory picture which is on view at the  
Central Theatre. A notable cast in-  
cludes Mary Astor, Edward Everett  
Horton, Owsley, Elizabeth Forrest,  
Horton Conley, William Holden,  
Creighton Hale and Mabel Forrest.  
Edward H. Griffith directed.

### "The Bat Whispers."

The "zoom" shot has been perfected  
for talking pictures. It is a con-  
trivance that sends a heavy camera  
whizzing from a long shot to a close-  
up as though released by a trigger.

The invention is credited to Charles  
Cline, a technical man at United  
Artists studios. It was sponsored  
and paid for by Roland West, pro-  
ducer-director, who needed it for only  
a single, brief scene in his pro-  
duction "The Bat Whispers," featuring  
Chester Morris, coming to the Queen's  
Theatre.

Cline makes all the camera per-  
ambulators at United Artists studios.  
His new "zoom" sends the camera  
eighteen feet in the fraction of a  
second. It is mounted on a light  
truck twenty-four feet long and has  
a light range for filming beginning  
at eight inches and adjustable to six  
feet.

The total cost was only \$400. An  
earlier attempt to perfect a "zoom"  
shot was made by a famous German  
director three years ago. It cost  
\$17,000 and weighed five tons.

"The Bat Whispers," a thrilling  
comedy-drama, night mysterious in  
plot, has a cast including Una Merkel,  
Gustav Von Seyffertitz, Ben Bard,

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Grayce, Hampton, Maude Eburne,  
William Bakewell, Charles Dow  
Clark, Spencer Charters, S. E. Jen-  
nings and Hugh Huntley.

### Change in Programme.

A change has been made in the next  
programme at the King's, "A Chance  
of a Night Time," a new British pic-  
ture having been arranged to replace  
"An American Tragedy" on Sunday  
instead of "Hush Money." "A Chance  
of a Night Time" includes among  
its cast Ralph Lynn and Winifred  
Shottler, the stars of "Rookery Nook."  
It is possible that "Bed and Break-  
fast," and "A Warm Corner," which  
recently proved successful at the  
King's will be given a return run  
soon.

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Genoa & Marseilles.  
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### THE VOLUNTEERS.

#### ORDERS FOR THE COMING WEEK.

Orders by Lieut.-Colonel L. G. Bird, D.S.O., O.B.E., commanding H.K.V. D.C.

Thursday, Nov. 26.

**Parades.**  
(a) Battery.—The Battery will parade at 5.30 p.m., sharp, on Thursday, December 3rd, at Headquarters for gun drill and signalling. Every member must make an effort to attend.  
(b) Corps Signals.—Signallers will proceed to Camp at Fanning in accordance with details already issued to all ranks.

(c) Machine Gun Troop.—1. The Troop will proceed to Camp at Fanning on Friday, 4th, December. Those who are unable to go on this weekend will go on Friday, 27th, instant.  
2. N.C.O. in charge of stable.

L/Cpl. J. H. Davy will act as N.C.O. in charge of Troop Stable.

3. There will be no Thursday Parade till after Camp.

(d) Armoured Car Company, Motor Cycle Section.—1. The following combination drivers will parade at P.W.D. Workshop, Wanchai, on Monday, 30th, instant, at 5.30 p.m. and inspect their machines to ensure perfect reliability for the next Camp:

Cpl. Sapsed Pte. Arie  
Hamilton Spiers

2. Rifle Club.—All members will parade at the Rifle Range on Wednesday, 2nd, December at 5.30 p.m.

3. Camp.—All Members except as detailed will parade on Friday, 4th, December at 5.30 p.m. at Kowloon Fire Brigade Compound.

Cpl. Sapsed, Cpl. Hamilton, Pte. Arie and Pte. Spiers, will collect combinations from P.W.D. Workshop, Wanchai, and convey them to Kowloon by Lighter leaving Hongkong at 5 p.m., sharp.

(e) Scottish Company.—1. Annual Church Parade. The Annual Church Parade will be held on Sunday, 20th, November 1931. The Company (fall strength) will parade at Corps Headquarters at 10.15 a.m.

Dress.—Review Order without Rifles, i.e.:—Glengarry, Tunic, Kilt, Diced Hose and Spats, Sporrans, Belt and Sidearms. Medals will be worn. The Pipes and Drums will attend.

2. The Company will parade for Machine Gun Training as under on Thursday, December 3rd.

No. 6 Platoon at Kowloon Dock under 2nd. Lieut. T. P. Sanderson 5.30 p.m.

No. 7 Platoon at Corps Headquarters under 2nd. Lieut. A. W. Brown 5.30 p.m.

(f) The Officers Commanding the undermentioned Units will issue their Orders separately to their Commands:

I. Corps Band  
II. Engineer Company  
III. Machine Gun Company  
IV. Portuguese Company.

**Promotions and Appointments.**  
The following promotions and appointments in the Machine Gun Troop have been made to take effect from 26th, instant:

**Promotions.**  
No. 1300 Acting Sgt. R.J.D.C. Grieve to Sergeant.  
No. 1511 Acting Cpl. G. P. Ferguson to Corporal.  
No. 1416 Acting L/Cpl. R.J.R. Wolf to Lance Corporal.

**Appointments.**  
No. 1392 Tpr. J.H. Davy to Lance Corporal.  
No. 1547 Tpr. I. G. Allison to Lance Corporal.

**Portuguese Company.**  
No. 1104 Sgt. A.J.V. Ribeiro, Portuguese Coy., Headquarters appointed C.Q.M. Sergeant with effect from 19th, instant.

**Struck Off the Strength.**  
Having Completed 3 Years' Service.  
No. 1408 Gnr. H. O. Davies, Battery, as from 21.11.31.

On Medical Grounds.—No. 739 I/Sgt. J. A. Watson, No. 7 Platoon, as from 4.11.31.

Having Left the Colony.—No. 1678 Pte. Tin Him, Medical Section, as from 21.11.31.

**Strength.**  
The following have been taken on the Strength:  
No. 1700 Gnr. D. Marshall, Battery, joined 19.11.31.  
No. 1701 Tpr. F. G. Nigel, M.C.

### CANADIAN PREMIER IN LONDON.

#### A GREAT OPPORTUNITY.

London, Nov. 26.

The Prime Minister and other members of the British Government, and Mr. Stanley Bruce, former Prime Minister of Australia, were among the guests at a complimentary dinner last night to the Prime Minister of Canada, Mr. R. B. Bennett.

Mr. Bennett said the Canadian people were most desirous that there should be a firmer and stronger bond between every section of the Empire. A free association of the peoples with equal status, if not exercising the same functions, was a very fine figure of speech but it left much to be desired in the realms of reality. Means and methods must be found by which they could accomplish that end.

#### The Silver Problem.

There lay before them the greatest opportunity that ever came to free peoples, to accomplish a great end, and he felt that they would be able to accomplish much. The problems upon which he believed they might unite to bring about a successful solution included the consolidation of Imperial trade, consolidation of the credit of the Empire, problems connected with shipping, and the silver problem.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald reciprocated the fine practical sentiments which Mr. Bennett had expressed. He hoped most sincerely that during the conference in Ottawa, all Mr. Bennett's ideals would be fulfilled, and that the Dominions and Britain would be knit in one splendid unity by new bonds of mutual co-operation.—*British Wireles.*

### DEATH OF FORMER CIVIL LORD.

RT. HON. E. G. PRETYMAN.

London, Nov. 26.

The death has occurred of the Rt. Hon. E. G. Pretyman.—*Reuter.* [The Rt. Hon. E. G. Pretyman was born in 1860 and was educated at Eton and the Royal Military Academy, Woolwich. He entered the Royal Artillery in 1880, but retired in 1889, and devoted himself to politics. He entered Parliament as Conservative member for Woodbridge (Suffolk) in 1895, and was made a Civil Lord in the Admiralty in 1900. From 1916 to 1917 he was Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade, again becoming a Civil Lord, Admiralty, from 1916 to 1919. He was made a Privy Councillor in 1917. From 1908 to 1923 he represented Chelmsford (Essex) in Parliament.]

### LINER DESTROYED.

#### THE LUXURY SHIP BERMUDA GUTTED IN SECOND BLAZE.

London, Nov. 26.

The 20,000-ton luxury liner Bermuda, one of the most sumptuous vessels in the world, was today destroyed by fire at Belfast, where she was undergoing repairs. This is the second outbreak in the liner within five months. The Bermuda was badly damaged by fire at Hamilton, Bermuda, last June.—*Reuter.*

Troop, joined 19.11.31.  
Leave.

Lieut. John Durran, Medical Sec: returned from leave on 23.11.31.  
No. 1276 Gnr. R. W. H. Maynard, Battery, granted 10 months' leave from 1.10.31 to 31.7.32.

W. H. G. Goater, CAPTAIN, Adjutant, H. K. V. D. Corps.

### FALL IN STERLING.

#### EXPLANATION OF SHARP REACTION.

London, Nov. 26.

A further sharp depreciation in sterling is not causing much alarm, as is indicated by the absence of any rush to buy equity shares or selling pressure on fixed interest securities on the Stock Exchange.

Other markets are also displaying confidence in the ability and determination of the Government to prevent any inflationary tendency.

The renewed weakness of sterling is attributable, firstly to continued seasonal factors, which this year are exceptionally belated; secondly to payments for continued heavy pre-tariff imports; thirdly to a selling wave in sterling emanating chiefly from Paris in connexion with covering purchases of dollars, in which an extensive continental bear position is said to be still existing; and fourthly, psychological factors, such as the disappointing outcome of the Indian Round Table Conference and the continued anxiety as to the Central European situation.—*Reuter.*

### JAPANESE WITHDRAW.

#### TROOPS DEPARTING FROM TSITSIHAR.

Paris, Nov. 26.

The Japanese delegation has notified the Council that it is advised from Mukden that the withdrawal of Japanese troops from Tsitsihar began on November 24, and continues despite the transport difficulties, caused particularly by the extreme cold.—*Reuter.*



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## CHINESE ART.

## THIS AFTERNOON'S AUCTION SALE FOR CHARITY.

In connexion with the auction sale of Chinese art treasures for charity to be held in the Music Room of the City Hall at 3 o'clock this afternoon, it is gratifying to note that another generous donor has come forward to add a rarity to the sale.

The article is an ancient ink slab of the Sung Dynasty (A.D. 959-1279) belonging to Mr. Tong Chiu-nung, a native of Chekiang and manager of the World Book Store. Though a buyer from Canton has offered \$300, for the rare object, Mr. Tong is quite willing to give it to the highest bidder and the entire proceeds therefrom are to be placed at the disposal of the China Exhibition Committee for charity.

It is anticipated that there will be lively bidding from a group of Chinese and European collectors in the Colony.

## AN ABRUPT END.

## A CHARGE OF KIDNAPPING DISMISSED.

The case in which three women were charged with kidnapping a small boy at Tsimshatui on November 8 came to an abrupt end at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court yesterday afternoon when Detective Sergeant Flaherty, who prosecuted, announced that the boy's father, Wing Kim, could not be found, and he therefore could

## LESSON-SERMON.

## FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST, HONGKONG.

"Thanksgiving" was the subject of the Lesson-Sermon in Church of Christ, Scientist, yesterday. The Golden Text was—"In everything give thanks, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." (1 Thessalonians 5:18).

Among the citations which comprised the Lesson-Sermon was the following from the Bible—"And as he entered into a certain village, there met him ten men that were lepers, which stood afar off. And they lifted up their voices, and said, Jesus, Master, have mercy on us. And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God. And fell down on his face at his feet giving him thanks, and he was a Samaritan. (Luke 17: 12, 13, 15, 16).

The Lesson-Sermon also included the following passage from the Christian Science Textbook: "Science and Health, with Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy:—"Sorrow is turned into joy when the body is controlled by spiritual Life, Truth, and Love. Hence the hope of the promise Jesus bestows: 'He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also;... because I go unto my Father,'—(because the Ego is absent from the body, and present with Truth and Love.) (p.14.)

Mr. F. E. Nash appeared on behalf of the third defendant. His Worship accordingly dismissed the case.

## PETERSFIELD COURT MARTIAL.

## LIEUTENANT PRATT REPRIMANDED.

Lieut. Pratt, Navigating Officer of H.M.S. Petersfield, was severely reprimanded by a court martial, yesterday, that enquired into the grounding of that vessel on Tung Yung Island in the early hours of November 12, with the Commander-in-Chief, Admiral Sir Howard Kelly, on board. Three charges were brought against Lieut. Pratt, but two were dismissed. He was found guilty of having, by negligence or default, hazarded the ship.

The court, which was held on H.M.S. Medway, comprised Capt. Layton (Kent), Capt. Margrue (Medway), Capt. Mackenzie (Tarantula), Capt. Burnett (Bruce) and Commander Morris (Tamar). The charges brought against Lieut. Pratt were:

(a) That he, by negligence or default, suffered the ship to be lost, (b) stranded or (c) hazarded.

The Judge Advocate was Paymaster Lieut.-Cmdr. Wheeler (Medway), while Capt. Godfrey (Suffolk) prosecuted, and Lieut.-Cmdr. Dowse (Berwick) appeared for Lieut. Pratt.

The report of the grounding by the Petersfield's captain, Cmdr. D. C. Lang, was read, and when questioned Cmdr. Lang said that he took the bridge shortly after midnight. Lieut. Pratt had left orders to be called at 2 a.m., but at that time he (witness) said that it was unnecessary, as accused had had a trying time during the two previous days and had a trying day in front of him.

Lieut.-Cmdr. Chichester said that he called the captain at 12.50 a.m. when there was a thick fog, and called the accused at 2.20. At the time of the grounding the visibility was about two miles. Just before the ship struck he saw a line of white breakers on the port bow. He gave orders "hard to port, stop both, full speed astern." Despite that the ship still had headway when she saw a rock right ahead. The ship struck it with the port bow, and almost immediately came a report from the stern that the port propeller had also struck.

Admiral's Tribute. Giving evidence of the grounding, Admiral Kelly told the court that it was obvious to him that from the bump there would be little chance of the ship coming off the rocks. If it had been possible, she would have foundered in deep water.

The Commander-in-Chief concluded his evidence by paying a tribute to the officers and men, who, he said, had shown great unselfishness and conducted themselves admirably in every sense.

The court acquitted the accused on the first two charges, but found him guilty on the third, in that the suffering of the ship to be hazarded was due to the accused having failed to give definite instructions to the crew when the ship came within normal visibility distance of Tung Yung light, that he omitted to attend to the sounding as laid down, and that he omitted to give instructions to be called in the event of thick weather or the ship approaching land.

## POTTINGER STREET FIRE INQUEST.

(Continued from Page 2.)

staircase had collapsed, showing how rapidly the fire was spreading. Under the circumstances I think the fact that the next door houses were never seriously involved reflects great credit on the Fire Brigade. No information that anyone was missing reached them until the bodies in the second floor kitchen were found by the firemen at 8.30 a.m. Nothing could have been done to save them.

## Question of Negligence.

3. The question as to whether the fire was due to the act or neglect of any person cannot be answered owing to lack of credible evidence. The allegations of the tenants of the ground floor seem to me to be completely met by the evidence of the first and second floor tenants and of Sergeant Williamson; but even if you are not satisfied that the landlord kept the stairs in proper condition it would not be sufficient grounds for a verdict of manslaughter.

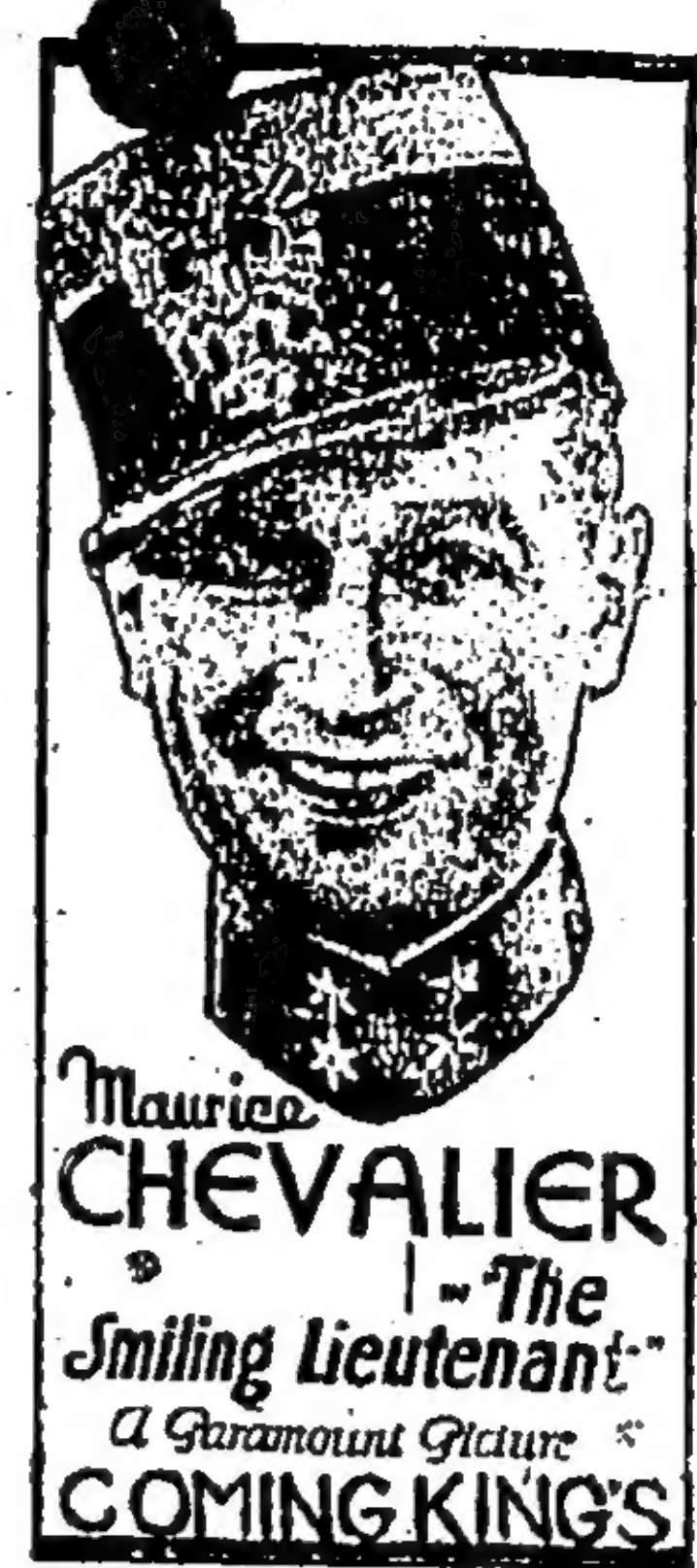
4. The loss of life can be put down to six different causes acting together: (1) Failure to detect the fire before it had got a firm hold; (2) the sudden failure of the electric lights and the resultant confusion and panic; (3) attempts to save property where there was not sufficient time to do so; one man at least actually went back to rescue his goods; (4) the wooden staircase catching fire before all the first and second floor people had time to escape; (5) the inadequacy of the ladder leading to the roof; children would find such a ladder very hard to climb; (6) the absence of a door or window in the kitchen that could be shut. This allowed flames and smoke rushing up the air shaft to enter the kitchen and overpower the people there.

Most of these causes can be summed up in a single one: the old-fashioned and faulty construction of the house built in four storeys on an inadequate site, and with a staircase of material unable to resist fire.

## Slum Rebuilding?

For these defects in the older houses in this city the only adequate remedy appears to be a wholesale and properly planned policy of slum clearance and rebuilding, especially in the central district, combined with street widening, and, if possible, the provision of open spaces; and for this policy the danger from fire is in my opinion neither the only nor the strongest argument. You will remember that one of the difficulties of the fire brigade was the narrow and slippery character of Pottinger Street. The steps at the top and bottom and the paving of the steep slope make it inaccessible to fire escapes; so that repaving of the streets would seem desirable as well as rebuilding of the houses.

Another point I wish to draw your attention to is the fact that the ground floor of No. 44 contained, or perhaps still contains, an ammunition store. Had this house been seriously involved, as it very nearly was, the loss of life might well have been a good deal larger. If you wish to draw any riders on this point or other, you may do so. If you consider that the origin of the fire is accidental, you should return a verdict of "Death by Misadventure." If you consider that any person is to blame, a rider concerning them may be brought in. If you are not agreed how the fire



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started, you might return an open verdict, stating the cause of death and attributing it to a fire whose origin is not known.

## The Verdict.

The jury retired for five minutes and returned a verdict as follows:—"As regards the cause of the fire, we return an open verdict as the cause is unknown. As regards the cause of death of Chan Lin Fai we wish to return a verdict of 'Death by misadventure.'"

"We consider the Fire Brigade and the Police did all they could under the circumstances: in particular we like to commend Sergeant Williamson's conduct as we think that had he not acted as he did there might have been more lives lost in the fire."

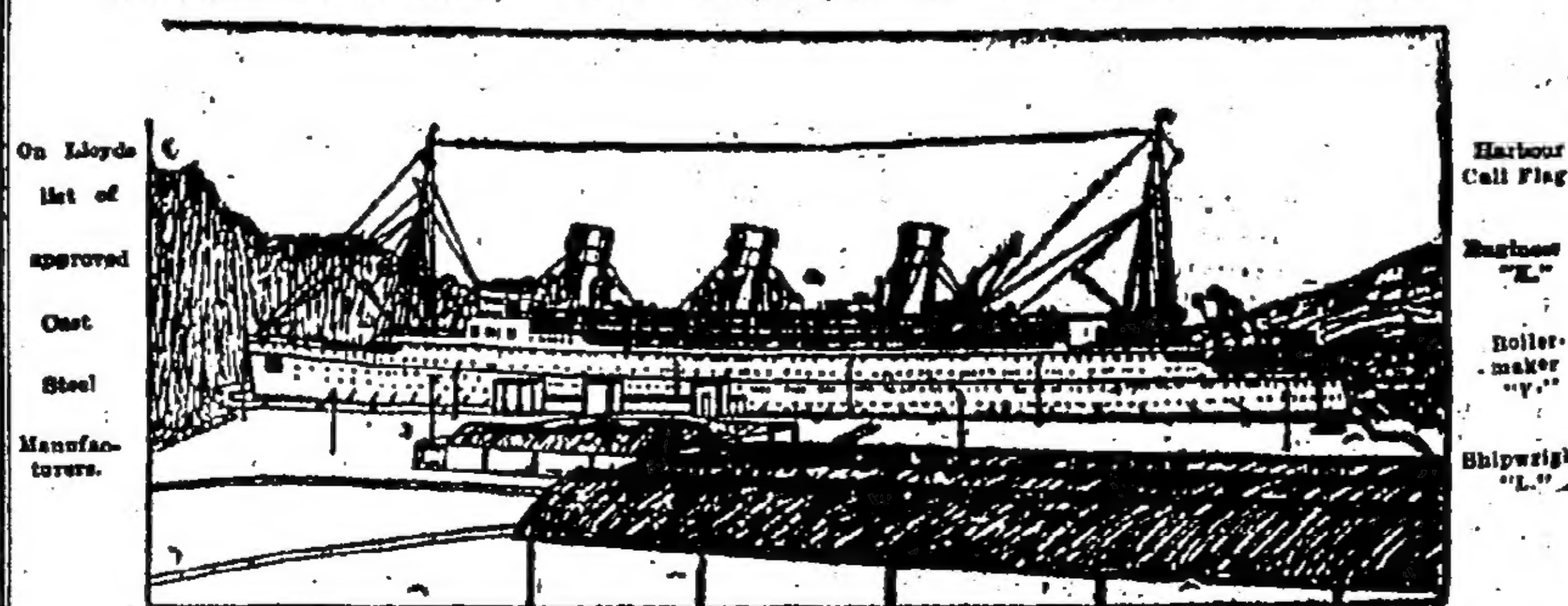
The Coroner: I entirely agree with your remarks concerning the conduct of Sergeant Williamson. I may point out that he was aware the whole time of the ammunition store next door. Thank you very much for your attendance. It has been a rather long inquiry.

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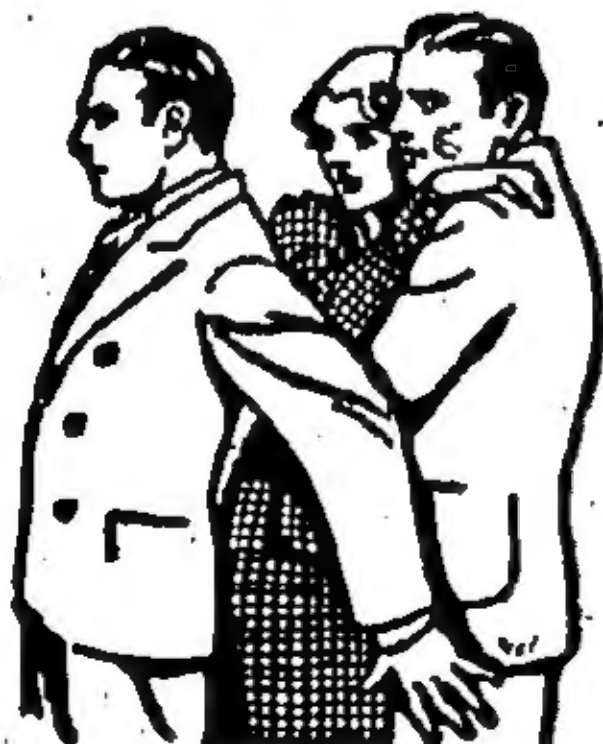


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## 'BREEZE' IN COURT AT KOWLOON.

MR. H. LO & DECISION OF COURT.

### MAY SEEK REMEDY.

Mr. Horace Lo again appeared at the Kowloon Magistracy before Mr. Fraser this morning in the case in which a Shanghai tailor was sentenced to 14 days' hard labour on November 14 after being convicted of assaulting Mrs. P. Hawes, of Prince Edward Road. Defendant was alleged to have pushed Mrs. Hawes following a dispute regarding the cost of altering a frock.

Mr. Lo last week asked leave to appeal, but the Magistrate held the application over for a decision whether it would not be better for the case to be re-heard.

Mr. Lo to-day again asked leave to take the case before the Court of Appeal. He submitted that the conviction was wrong in law.

His Worship intimated that he could re-hear the case.

**Alleged Irregularities.**  
Mr. Lo did not think it desirable. There were, he said, irregularities in the first hearing, and, on the evidence taken, the conviction should be quashed.

He referred to a private interview between his Worship and complainant in Chambers, at which defendant was not present.

Mr. Lo submitted that was wrong, and, on this alone, he had no doubt the conviction would be quashed.

Mr. Lo pointed to the undesirability of having the case re-opened. If, he said, his Worship decided not to send defendant to prison after a re-hearing, but imposed a fine instead, defendant, in any case, would have spent a week in gaol with hard labour.

Mr. Fraser said that was not his fault. On the day defendant was sent to prison, he heard that he had communicated with solicitors, and would appeal. "I expected you to appear before me at any moment to ask leave to appeal, but it was not until several days later that you appeared."

Mr. Lo:—No responsible solicitor would appeal in a case without looking seriously into the matter. One must have time to look over the case. One does not appeal on the spur of the moment.

**Magistrate's Decision.**  
Mr. Fraser:—I must look into the case from every angle. I am sorry, Mr. Lo, but I think I am justified in re-hearing the case, and I will re-hear it."

He fixed Tuesday afternoon, December 1, for the re-hearing.

Mr. Lo:—Your Worship, if you re-hear the case, I propose that the facts should not be gone into again. I submit that only the decision should be re-heard.

His Worship:—I don't propose to do that, Mr. Lo.

Mr. Lo:—Then my only remedy, your Worship, is to appeal to the Law Officer of the Colony.

## THE NOVEMBER HANDICAP.

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London, Nov. 26.  
To-night's call-over for the Manchester November Handicap at the Beaufort Club follows:

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40/1 Pard (o.).  
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## THE STATUTE OF WESTMINSTER.

LORDS PASS SECOND READING.

London, Nov. 26.

In moving the second reading of the Statute of Westminster Bill in the House of Lords to-night the Lord Chancellor, Lord Sankey, said it was not so much a question of the good which the Statute would do as of the harm which its rejection would most assuredly do.

Criticism of the bill voiced by Lord Salisbury and Lord Lloyd were answered by Lord Passfield on behalf of the Labour opposition and by Lord Hailsham for the Government.

The second reading was agreed to.—British Wireless.

## BRITISH PEOPLE THRIFTY.

SAVING IN SPITE OF HARD TIMES.

London, Nov. 26.

The annual report of the National Savings Committee reveals the encouraging fact that the sales of saving certificates last year were the largest for ten years and considerably exceeded those for the year 1929-30.

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Revenue Officer and Mrs. A. W. Grimmit and family returned to the Colony by the Empress of Canada this morning. During the voyage Mrs. Grimmit became seriously ill but it is understood that she has since recovered. By the same boat were also Sergeant A. V. Baker, of the Police Force, and Mrs. Baker.

## GOVERNMENT'S POLICY ON FUTURE OF INDIA.

Premier to Make Statement.

### CLOSING STAGES OF CONFERENCE.

London, Nov. 26.  
The final plenary session of the Indian Round Table Conference opens on Saturday and will be continued on Monday and Tuesday of next week. At Tuesday's meeting, the Prime Minister is expected to make a declaration of the Government's policy.

Sir Samuel Hoare made a statement on Finance in Federal Structure Committee to-day. He said that so long as the Crown remained responsible for the defence of India, the funds necessary for that purpose would have to be provided, and the principal and interest on the sterling debt issued in the name of the Secretary of State for India must be secured, as must also the salaries and pensions of the officers appointed under Parliamentary authority.

It was necessary to include in the Constitution, provisions sufficient to meet these obligations.

Objective Unchanged.

Sir Samuel said the Government's objective was unchanged. For the essential for the security of India's position as a nation and the prosperity of her people was the maintenance of confidence in her financial stability and credit. Accordingly there must be effective safeguards ensuring that the finances of India were properly administered and that the obligations for which the British Government would remain responsible, were met.

Subject to these safeguards, they desired the new Federal Government, when established, to have the greatest possible measure of financial responsibility within its own sphere.

From the Indian standpoint, the highest interests of the country would be served by making provisions ensuring that whilst the new constitution was developing, confidence both in India and the outside world was assured.

Lord Sankey to-day signed the Report on Commercial Discrimination, subject to some reservations.—British Wireless.

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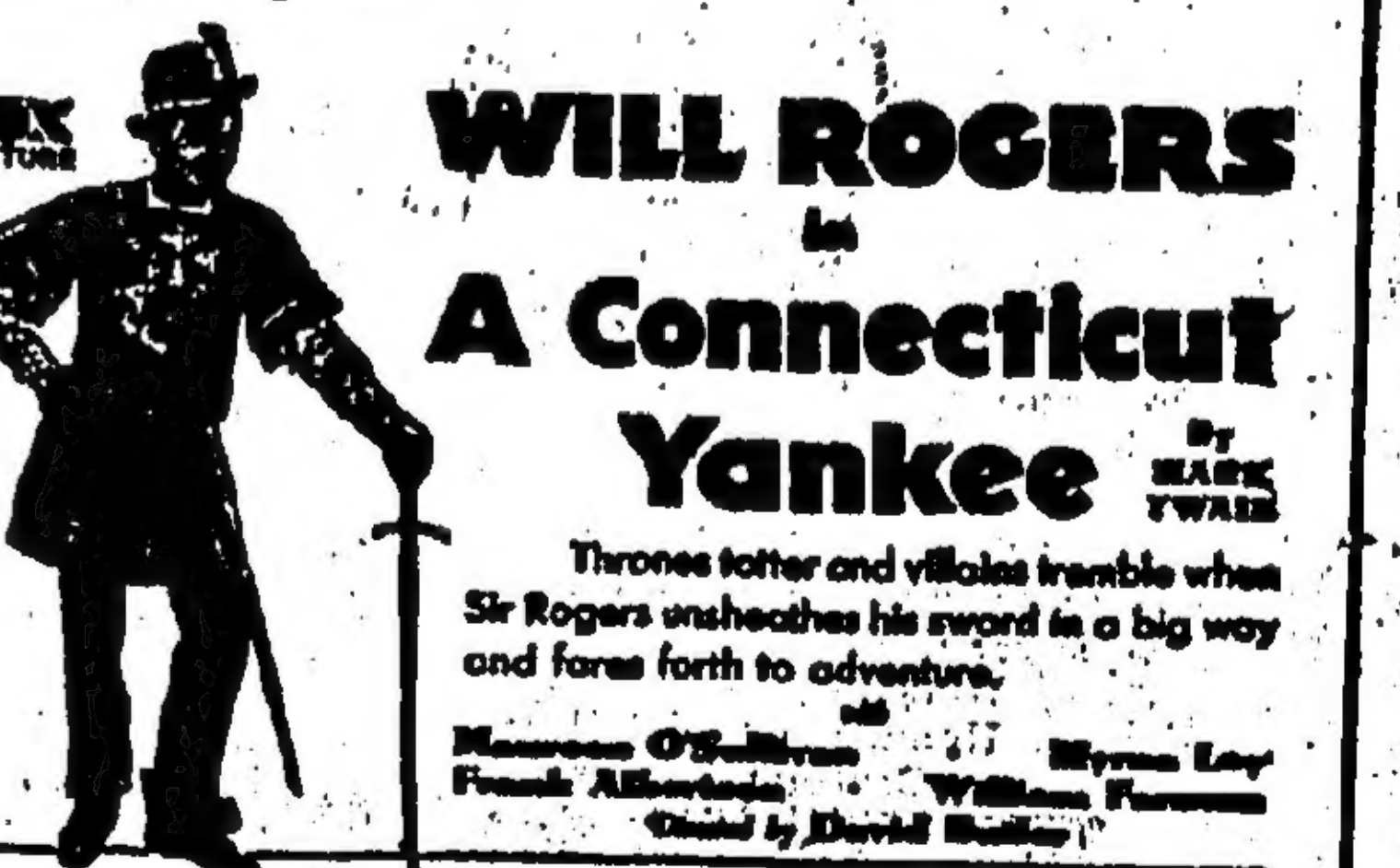
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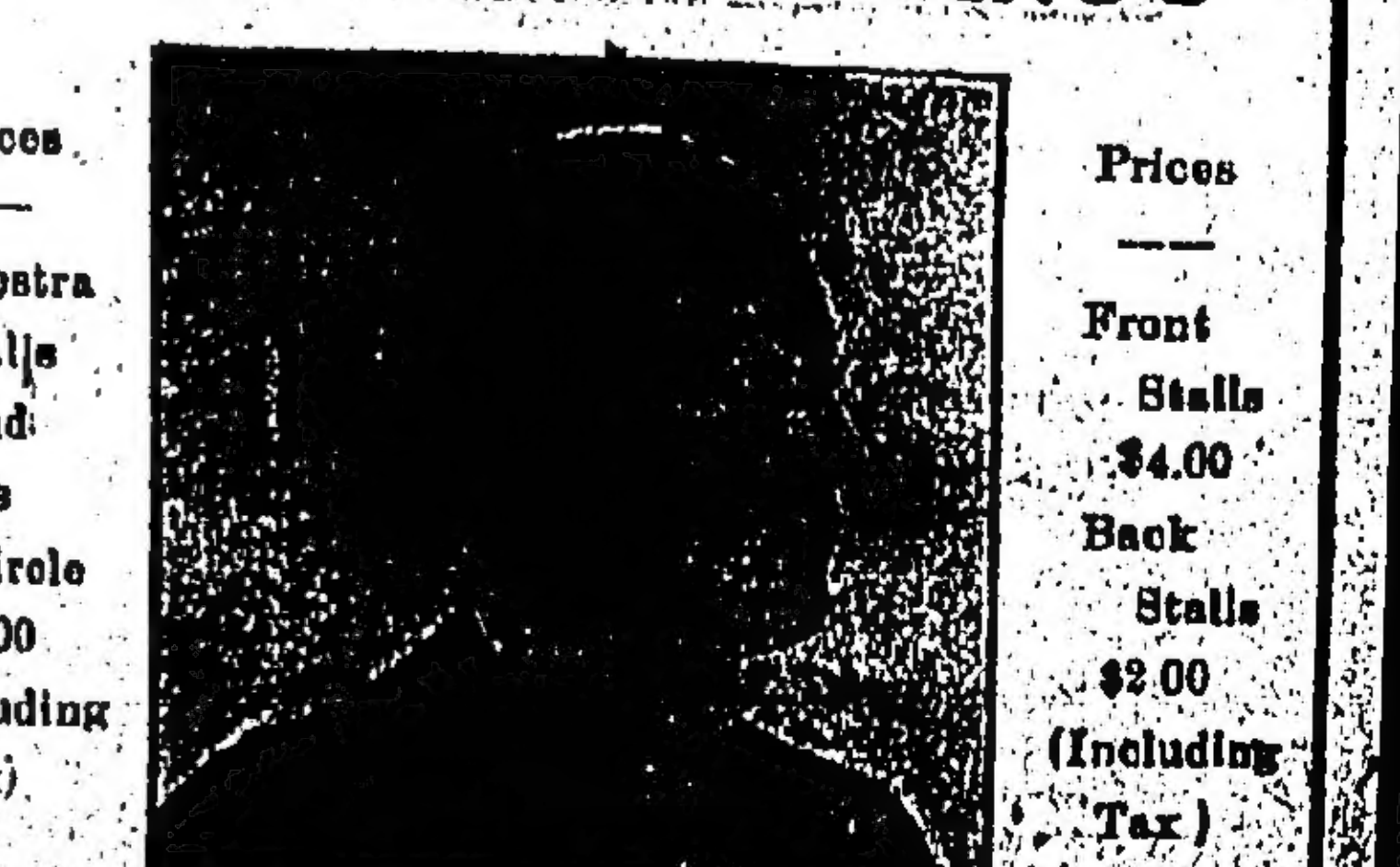
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